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SELECT REMARKS,

TAKEN FROM

GOSPEL MINISTERS

OF THE

PRESENT TIME,

IN THEIR

PUBLIC DISCOURSES:

TO WHICH ARE AFFIXED,

The NAMES of the MINISTERS by
whom, the PLACE where, and TIME
when, the said REMARKS were made;

WITH

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

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P R E F A C E.

WHEN Man fell from his original purity, every Faculty of the Soul became alienated from God. The Memory, among the rest, was materially affected, so that we find it difficult to remember things truly profitable, whilst those of a useless, nay, of a hurtful Nature, are as difficultly forgot.

In attending the Means of Grace, I found a part of the above Truth evident in my own Experience, and lamented, that the Truths I repeatedly heard were so very soon obliterated from

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my Memory; to prevent which, I wrote down the following REMARKS, as they were delivered from the Pulpit, and kept them sometime by me for my own private use; finding the perusing them greatly blest to my own Soul, I thought it might be so to my Fellow-Sinners; in consequence of which presumption, I selected the following from those I have in Manuscript, and present them to the Reader; praying and trusting, that the Lord will own and bless them to his Church and People.

Having informed a Friend or two, who had several times taken down Remarks from Ministers, of my Intention of publishing the ensuing Volume, they communicated the Remarks they had

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had transcribed, which I have interwove
with those taken down by myself.

I have taken the Liberty to make
some occasional NOTES, which I hope
are illustrative of the Remarks.

LIST

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OF THE
MINISTERS,

FROM WHOM THE
FOLLOWING REMARKS WERE TAKEN.

Mr ASHBURNER

BASSETT
BERRIDGE
BOOTH
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CLAYTON
COLLINS
CROLE
DE COURCY
DURANT
EADE
FOSTER
GLASCOTT
GROVE
HALLWARD
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HEATH
HILL
HORNBLOW
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Mr ILLINGWORTH

JONES
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JOSS
KINSMAN
MIDDLETON
NEWTON
PAGE
PECKWELL
PENTYCROSS
ROMAINE
ROSE
SCOTT
STRAHAN
TOWERS
VENN
WATTS
WEST
WHITE
WILKS (MATT.)
WILKS (MARK)

EXPLANATION

OF THE

ABBREVIATIONS.

- A. L. *Artillery Lane—Mr RICHARDSON'S Meeting-house.*
B. C. *Bartholomew Close—Mr TOWERS' Meeting-house.*
B. F. C. *Black-friers Church.*
C. S. *Cannon Street—the Meeting-house late Mr WEST's, near said Street.*
C. S. C. *Cumberland Street Chapel.*
L. S. *London Stone—St Swithin's Church, Cannon Street.*
St A. *St Antholin's Church—Watling Street.*
St D. *St Dunstan's Church—Fleet Street.*
Tab. *Tabernacle—near Moorfields.*
Mo. *Monday.*
Tu. *Tuesday.*
Wed. *Wednesday.*
Th. *Thursday.*
Fr. *Friday.*
Sat. *Saturday.*
Su. *Sunday.*
M. *Morning.*
A. *Afternoon.*
E. *Evening.*

E R R A T A.

- Page 4, Line 9, for *you but*, read *you do but*.
Page 9, Line 14, 15, for *discernable*, read *discernible*.
Page 10, Line 11, dele *calls*.
Page 11, Line 7, dele *own*.
Page 73, Line 24, for *Notbing*, read *No*.
Page 74, Line 9, for GLASSCOTT, read GLASCOTT.
Page 150, Line 17, for 27, read 28.
Page 151, Line 3, for 27, read 28.
Page 165, Line 26, 27, for *there no*, read *there is no*.
Page 170, Line 12, 13, Page 171, Line 4, 5, and Page 172,
Line 3, 4, for *Su. M. Jan. 18*, read *Tu. M. Jan. 13*.
Page 172, Line 7, for *The same*, read *Mr ROMAINE, B. F.*
C. Su. M. Jan. 18, 1778.
Page 183, Line 18, for *Blessings*, read *Blessing*.
Page 185, Line 5, for *M*, read *E*.

SELECT REMARKS, &c.

IF all the World had no other Business to do, than to satisfy a Man who has not God for his Portion, they cou'd not be able to do it. Several of the Roman Emperors are Instances of this; who, tho' they had every thing they cou'd wish for or desire, were never satisfied.

Mr VENN, L. S. 1774.

Most People wish to go to Heaven; but many wish it, only to avoid Hell: for if a worldly Man was to choose, whether he wou'd go to Heaven, or eternally enjoy the World, he wou'd choose the latter: for his Heart and Mind being earthly and sensual, his Soul is quite out of taste with Heaven and heavenly things. This it is that makes him so tir'd under Ordinances, and makes Religion seem so dry and insipid to him, and a religious Life mopish and burdensome.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Mo. E. June 5, 1775.

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We thou'd be zealous in doing good Works, and as zealous not to trust in them.

Mr WEST, A. L. Su. M. *July 2, 1775.*

It is to the Children of God you are oblig'd for the support of the World; they as it were bear up the Pillars of it: and that Moment God has call'd in his last Elect, the World will be burnt up. That sweet Text of Scripture, *Gen. xix. 22.* has often cheer'd and supported my Soul, — When Lot linger'd, the Angel took hold of his Hand and the Hand of his Wife, and the Hand of his two Daughters, and brought 'em out of the City, for ('tis there said) “ I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither” (that is, till he had got into Zoar) and when he had got safe into Zoar, God rain'd Hell out of Heaven upon Sodom.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.
Aug. 6, 1775.

The Things of Time and Sense, appear great to the Men of the World, because their Views are wholly confin'd to them.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Aug. 20, 1775.*

Christ's

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Christ's Blood satisfies the Law of God, and the Justice of God: shou'd it not then satisfy the Sinner's guilty Conscience?

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Aug. 27, 1775.*

* The Believer's Sins are Christ's; and Christ's Righteousness is his.

Mr HILL, Tab. We. E. *Aug. 30, 1775.*

Suppose a Man was indebted to another an hundred Pounds, and a Commission of Bankruptcy was at hand; if a Person was to pay the hundred Pounds for him, the Man's Creditor can't demand it again—So Christ has paid the Believer's Debts, to the utmost Farthing. The same.

When we trust in Frames and Feelings; as soon as they are gone, the Soul is discourag'd and dejected: but when we trust in God's Promises, which are always the same, then it is we are right; and a sense of God's unchangeable Love towards us, proceeding from such trust, fires our Souls with a continual Love towards him.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B.F.C. Su. M. *Sep. 3, 1775.*

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* See 2 Cor. v. 21.

4. SELECT REMARKS FROM

There is not a Step a Christian takes towards Heaven, but the World, the Flesh, or the Devil, disputes it with him.

Mr WHITE, C.S.C. Tu. E. Sep. 12, 1775.

When a Person has a fear'd Hand, you may hit it as long and as hard as you can, and he'll never feel it, it will not give him the least Pain; but if a Man has a sore Hand, and you but touch it, it will hurt him: so it is with men's Consciences.—A wicked Man will commit many and great Sins, and see no harm therein, but a Christian, whose Conscience is tender, having, been given, in some measure, to see the exceeding sinfulness of Sin, and how extremely God hates it, is alarm'd at the least Temptation.—I love to see tender Consciences.

Mr HILL, Tab. We. E. Sep. 13, 1775.

Whatever we are doing, or where-ever we are going, Time is still advancing; and we are hastening, as fast as it can carry us, either to Heaven or to Hell.

Mr EADE, A. L. Su. M. Sep. 17, 1775.

When the Sun melts the Snow upon a Dunghill, the Water (which is the purest) being

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being distilled through so much filth, comes out dirty and filthy: so it is with me, who, in the very doing of a good Action, make it a bad one.

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Sep.* 24, 1775.

Many People talk about having strong Corruptions.—* Why, if I have a strong Corruption, I have got a strong Christ to conquer it, and then it is a weak Corruption.

The same.

I had rather be a low living Shrub, than a tall, dead Cedar in the House of God.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.

Oct. 8, 1775.

When a Christian sleeps in the lap of that Delilah Sin, it takes much of his spiritual strength away, and grieves the Holy Spirit.

Mr GRIFFITH, A. L. Su. M. *Oct.* 22, 1775.

Walking loosely, makes us either totally neglect Ordinances, or not go to them with a Relish.

The same.

Good Works are the *effect*, not the *cause*, of God's Love.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M. *Oct.* 29, 1775.

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Tho'

• See Gen. xviii, 14. Phil. iv. 13.

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Tho' our Enemies are *Potent*, and we *Impotent*, yet our God is OMNIPOTENT; and though we have a *mighty* Foe, yet we have an ALMIGHTY Friend.

Mr WEST, C. S. 1775.

To those who do not rise from the Grave of Sin here, it will be a dreadful Resurrection from the Grave of Death hereafter.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Feb. 11*, 1776.

The Blessings which are bestow'd without Prayer, are generally receiv'd without Praise.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E. *Feb. 11*, 1776.

God's Promises were not made merely for us to read and hear, but also to plead.

The same.

By "breath," throughout the Scriptures, is meant the Holy Spirit; and by "light," is meant Christ.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Feb. 18*, 1776.

We should dig deep into every Verse of the Bible, to find the Pearl of great price.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E. *Feb. 18*, 1776.

When our Hearts go wandering from Christ, either the Devil or the World soon get hold of them.

The same.

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We must cut off right Hands, and pluck out right Eyes, if God commands it: we must part with our Delilahs, and our Isaacs too, if God requires them.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Feb. 25, 1776.

Christ is the Physician of his People; he feels their pulse every Moment; and, as he sees fit, administers Cordials or bitter Portions: his infinite Wisdom sees, that sometimes they need the one, and sometimes the other.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E.

Feb. 25, 1776.

Suppose there was a poor Man, who was very Ill; and a Physician kindly gave him his Advice, and Medicines *gratis*; would he not take even the most bitter and nauseous Draughts with thankfulness?—O that we could act thus to that kind Physician who acts thus to us! and who never administers a Potion, but with the utmost reason and propriety.

The same.

God makes us see our emptiness, before he fills us.

The same.

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The Holy Spirit does not reveal God to us as he is in himself, but as he stands related to us.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
Mar. 10, 1776.

Christ is our Law-fulfilling Righteousness, and our Sin-atoning Saviour.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Mar. 17, 1776.*

* The reason why, after Backsliding, we are not given up to hardness of Heart is, because God's Love is unchangeable.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. *Mar. 17, 1776.*

It is a sign a Man is very Ill, when he loaths wholesome Food; and if such his loathing continues, he must certainly die. † So it is with the Sinner: he, in a spiritual sense, loaths wholesome Food; and, if his loathing continues through Life, he must die eternally.

The same.

None go to Heaven, but those who have a Taste for it on Earth.

The same.

God not only supplies us with spiritual Food, but also with a spiritual Appetite.

The same.

None

* See Mal. iii. 6.

† See Ps. cviii. 18.

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None but God can shew us what we are :
and none but God can make us what he
wou'd have us be.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E. *Mar.* 17, 1776.

The Self-righteous do not go to Hell in
the broad way, but go round a private, and
slip in a back way. The same.

When the Sun shines into a dark Room,
it makes the Objects therein manifest ; so
when Christ shines into the Sinner's Heart,
he then sees the Corruption thereof : and as
the natural Sun, by shining more clearly,
makes Objects more visible, so the brighter
Christ shines into the Heart, the more dis-
cernable is the evil of it.

Mr Joss, Tab. We. E. *Mar.* 20, 1776.

The only distinguishing mark of Noah
from the rest of the antediluvian World,
was, that he * “ found grace in the eyes of
“ the Lord.” It was *grace* and *grace only*,
that made the difference between him and
them.

Mr TOWERS, A. L. Su. M. *Mar.* 24, 1776.

Noah's Family were saved with a tem-
poral Salvation, on his account ; so are the
Wicked

* See Gen. vi. 8.

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Wicked indebted to the Righteous for many temporal Blessings, and it is owing to them alone that the World exists; for when the last Elect is called in, the Heavens will be roll'd together as a Scroll, and the Elements will melt with fervent heat; the Sun will be turn'd into darkness, and the Moon into blood. As Salt preserves from putrefaction, so do the Godly keep the World from putrefying.—Agreeable to this, our Saviour calls calls them * “the Salt of the Earth.”

Mr TOWERS, A.L.Su.M. *Mar. 24, 1776.*

We shou'd keep looking to Christ, till the Burden falls off our Back.

Mr ROMAINÉ, StD.Su.E. *Mar. 24, 1776.*

Where true Repentance is given, it always brings a bleeding Heart, bemoaning its Corruptions.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab.We.E. *Mar. 27, 1776.*

The natural Man thinks Troubles spring from the Dust: but the Believer sees “the Rod, and him who hath appointed it.”

The same.

When a young Bullock is first put to draw, he is generally very stubborn, and the Driver is therefore obliged to prick him on with

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with a Goad ; but, instead of going forward, he kicks against it, and only hurts himself thereby : so a Christian, when under Affliction, only hurts himself by repining and complaining.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. We. E. *Mar. 27, 1776.*

We cannot turn our own Hearts to God, but he must turn them ; and if he did not keep them turn'd, we shou'd turn to the World again.

The same.

God does not shew us the wickedness of our Hearts all at once ; for, if he did, it would frighten us into Despair ; but, as Faith grows, he discovers it to us, and, as we can bear it, makes us see more of that mystery of Iniquity which lies hid there.

The same.

Nature teaches us to quarrel with our Neighbour : but Grace teaches us to quarrel with Ourselves.

The same.

We often call People bad Names, unjustly ; but God never calls any by a wrong Name ; and yet he calls all Sinners Fools in his Word, because they are just like Men who
drink

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drink a bowl of Poison, because it is mix'd with Wine, and sweeten'd well with Honey. Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. We. E. *Mar.* 27, 1776.

The same Sun promotes the growth of both good and bad Trees : so both good and bad Men may sit under the same Preaching, enjoy the same Privileges, and experience the same Providences ; but they are a means of making one worse, and the other better. Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. *Mar.* 31, 1776.

If a corrupt Tree ever becomes a good Tree, it must be by a supernatural act : and so it is in spirituals. The same.

Good Thoughts are the effects of Regeneration. — A *bad Tree* cannot produce any thing but *bad Fruit*. The same.

Christ is a Rock, higher than Heaven, and deeper than Hell : higher than Heaven, that the Devil will never be able to get over it ; deeper than Hell, he'll never be able to get under it.

Mr CROLE, C. S. Su. E. *Mar.* 31, 1776.

The best way to enjoy our Comforts, is, to look from them. The same.

There

There is generally a likeness between the Father and Son; so there is a likeness between God and his Children.

Mr CROLE, C. S. Su. E. *Mar.* 31, 1776.

When I trust in Comforts, I am brought into distress, and thrash'd back to God's Word.

The same.

When we pray to God to mortify our Worldly-mindedness; perhaps a Man runs away in our debt, and we never imagine this is God's answering our Prayers; but cry out vehemently against the Man, for running away with our Money. And thus not being content with God's answering our Prayers in his own way, we rob Ourselves of much comfort, and God of much glory.

The same.

When we search the Scriptures, we shou'd observe to what end we do it; for a Man may search them to support a bad Cause.

The same.

It is not at all unnatural for a Stone to roll *down* the Hill, but it is supernatural for it to roll *up*; so it is respecting those who are walking in God's ways, and who are striving against the Stream.

The same.

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As sure as there is a Law, as sure as there is a Devil, and as sure as there is a Hell, the Law will condemn, the Devil will torment, and Hell will receive, all who are not found in Christ.

Mr CROLE, C.S. Su.E. *Mar. 31, 1776.*

Did you ever experience the evil of Sin, and the danger of an unconverted State [Reader]?

The same.

The Spirit first convinces of Sin, and then of Righteousness: he first shews us *our Sin*, and then shews us *Christ's Righteousness*.

The same.

The Devil is never unwatchful; therefore we shou'd never be so.

Mr HEATH, Tab. *Mar. 1776.*

God never gives any Grace, without trying it.

The same.

Renounce a *whole Self*, and take a *whole Christ*; and the comforts of the Gospel are all your own.

Mr WEST, C. S. Th. E. *Apr. 4, 1776.*

God manifests most of his Love to us, when we are in the lowest Abasement.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Good Fr. M.

Apr. 5, 1776.
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God keep us in our right Place; even in an humble, constant, dependance on Christ Jesus.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Good Fr. M.

Apr. 5, 1776.

The Gospel brings Christ's Righteousness to the Sinner's Hand, and therefore he has only got to pray to God for faith to lay hold on it.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Good Fr. E.

Apr. 5, 1776.

Faith is like the main-spring of a Clock, it keeps all going.

The same.

Faith bringing Fuel from the Altar of God's Love, kindles Love in our Hearts to God, whereby God receives Praise and we receive Comfort.

The same.

The Death of Sin is decreed by the Death of Christ.

Mr WEST, C. S. same Evening.

Tho' the old Man dies a long, a lingering and a painful Death; yet, blessed be God it is a certain one.

The same.

It is one thing for Sin *to be*, and another thing for Sin *to reign*.

Mr WEST, A. L. Su. M. *Apr. 7, 1776.*

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We shou'd live on the Soul-comforting, Heart-reviving and God-glorifying truth, that those whom God loves he loves to the end.

Mr WEST, A. L. Su. M. *Apr. 7, 1776.*

There is Life in Christ Jesus to quicken you, in your most dead and uncomfortable Frame.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Apr. 7, 1776.*

Christ sows the Seed, rains on it and shines on it, he is always going on with his Work, and tho' the Man is in a dead, dull and uncomfortable Frame, yet Christ is still continuing his Work in the Soul.

The same.

The Devil tells Men " 'tis too soon to Repent," till he has quite wearied them out, and then he tells 'em " it's too late."

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. *Apr. 7, 1776.*

When a Man turns back and looks at the World, it has a very different Aspect to what it had before.

The same.

Where the Doctrines of Grace are admitted, the Heart is full of Praise.

The same.

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Art thou ready to leave *all* for a Jesus?

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.E. Apr. 7, 1776.

Poor Sinners *whoever* they are, *whatever* they are, or *wherever* they are, are invited to come and drink of the Waters of life freely. The same.

Our hope stands upon God's Love in his Son.

Mr ROMAINE, St D. same Evening.

As a good Soldier of Christ Jesus, I desire to fight the Lord's Battles, to his praise and my comfort. The same.

All the blessings of Redemption are the free gift of free Grace. The same.

There are often notions swim in the Head that never sink into the Heart. The same.

Whatever Jesus undertook he has fulfill'd.* The same.

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* He undertook the Salvation of his People, and has wrought it out; he undertook the Payment of *all* their Debts and has paid them to the very last Mite (See Mr Hill's Remark, Page 3. beginning "Suppose a Man"). It is very false and unscriptural to suppose we have *any thing* to do in the Work of Salvation, for whatever was necessary to

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The enmity in the Heart of Man against God, is discover'd in murmuring and repining at the Providence of God.

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *Apr.* 14, 1776.

Another Instance of the enmity of the Heart, is the inward struggles of the People of God. You who are real Believers, find it exceeding hard to keep up the spirit of Prayer and Meditation; and tho' your sweetest hours are spent in those Exercises, yet your hearts at times heave against them, and you find it like swimming against the stream to go on in Religion; does not this then strongly prove the enmity of the Heart against God? The same.

God's People always see most of the enmity of the Heart against God, in their own Experience. The same.

When the Holy Spirit makes a Man see himself, he does not make him worse than he is, but only shews him what he really is, which he did not perceive before.

The same.

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be done in that important Work, *has been done* by Christ Jesus; and the good Works of Believers are the *effect* of their Salvation, and not the *cause* of it.

The Christian will try to * “avoid the
“least appearance of evil,” and will keep
as far from Temptation as he possibly can ;
this is his Language, “I carry Tinder about
“with me, and I dare not go near the Fire.”

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *Apr. 14, 1776.*

The Foundation of God’s Church is laid
by Grace, the Building is carried on by
Grace, “and the Top-stone will be brought
“forth with shoutings, crying, Grace,
“Grace unto it.” The same.

God’s People are in Christ by the choice
of the Father, “thine they were and thou
“gavest them me,” says our Saviour, *John*
xvii. 6. “Who hath chosen us in Christ,”
says the Apostle Paul, *Eph. i. 4.*

Mr HORNBLow, C.S.Su.E. *Apr. 14, 1776.*

Christ being our Wisdom implies we are
Ignorant, being our Strength implies we are
Weak, and being our Righteousness implies
we are Unrighteous. The same.

When God is pleas’d to open a Sinner’s
eyes, he then discovers (and not ’till then)

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* Agreeable to the Injunctions, *1 Thes. v. 22, Prov.*
iv. 15.

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that " God's Commandment is exceeding
" broad."

Mr HORNLOW, C.S.Su.E. *Apr.* 14, 1776.

The natural Man has an exceeding good
opinion of his own Righteousness.*

The same.

Job says, † " Though he slay me, yet will
" I trust in him ;" and none ever trusted
in him and was confounded. The same.

The Path of Duty is a safe Path.

The same.

Unbelief perverts all the sweets in the
Word of God.

Mr SCOTT, A.L.Su.M. *Apr.* 21, 1776.

Concerning his State by Nature, the
Believer confesses, " I had as much evil
" within me as I cou'd hold, and when
" Opportunity came it drew it out into
" Action."

Mr ROMAINE, B.F.C.Su.M. *Apr.* 21, 1776.

That the *Thoughts* of a natural Man are
only evil, See *Gen.* vi. 5. That his *Words*
are

* And the spiritual Man has an exceeding good opinion of
Christ's.

† Job xiii. 15.

are such, See *Jam.* iii. 6, 8. That his *Works* are such, See *Pf.* xiv. 3. And that his *Thoughts*, *Words* and *Works* are such, See *Rom.* iii. 9, &c.

Mr ROMAINE, B.F.C.Su.M. *Apr.* 21, 1776.

The Man whose eyes are enlighten'd, and to whom it is given to see the depravity of human Nature, confesses, " The more I
" converse with Mankind, the more I per-
" ceive the Scriptures to be true, and that
" Man is not a bit better than the Word of
" God represents him to be." *

The same.

Sin wears a very different Aspect on a Death-bed, than it does in the time of Health.

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *Apr.* 21, 1776.

The principal thing in Christianity, is to receive Christ.

Mr ROMAINE, St D.Su.E. *Apr.* 21, 1776.

Christ sits at the right Hand of God, to manage all our Concerns for us.

The same.

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* And how that is, see the Remark immediately preceding this.

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It is the taste of * this heavenly Manna, that makes us more dead daily to the Things below.

Mr ROMAINÉ, StD.Su.E. *Apr. 21, 1776.*

† Lord Jesus, as thou hast got Death and him that hath the power of Death under thy Feet, even so Lord put them under ours.

The same.

Tho' the Child of God attends upon, yet he does not trust in Ordinances; respecting Hearing, Reading, Singing, Praying, receiving the Sacrament, &c. his Language is, "These are very well in their place, but "these are not Christ—and I want Christ," says the convinc'd Sinner.

Mr WEST, C.S.Th.E. *May 2, 1776.*

Has God ever put Mercy's cry into thy Heart, Sinner? †

The same.

O that God wou'd make us dread Back-sliding as we wou'd dread Hell!

The same.

Whilst

* The love of God in Christ.

† This is the daily Prayer of the Church of Christ.

‡ We may infer from hence, that if a Sinner ever cries for Mercy, it must be in consequence of God's shewing him his need of it.

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Whilst a Man supposes he can find happiness in any thing but Christ, he will never come to him for it.*

Mr DURANT, A. L. Su. M.
May 5, 1776.

† “The Holy Spirit,” that is, the holy making Spirit, the sanctifying Spirit.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.
May 5, 1776.

You dishonour the Obedience of Christ, his Sufferings and glorious Victory over Sin and Death in his Resurrection, when you are in bondage to the fear of Death.

The same.

O how † he loves to cherish the heavenly spark! §

The same.

We shou'd live upon Christ as the Life-giving root of all Sanctification.

The same,
God

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* And no *real* happiness is to be had but from him; they therefore who do not come to him, *cannot* be happy; and those who perseveringly reject him, *must* be for ever miserable.

† See Ps. li. 11. Luke xi. 13. 1 Thes. iv. 8. and other Places.

‡ The Believer.

§ Of Grace.

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God by * various means purges us from the love of Sin, that we may bring forth more Fruit.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
May 5, 1776.

The more spiritual a Man is, I insist upon it, the more dependence will he have on Christ Jesus. The same.

Perhaps you are ready to say, " I'm afraid I am not a Child of God because I'm so dull and lifeless, my Prayers are so cold and dead, and I am so heavy and careless under Ordinances;" this is the method God takes to make you discontented with Yourself, your Duties and Performances, and to make you look at Christ as your *all*. The same.

We need a continual discovery of our State as Sinners, and of our State as Believers.†

MR FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *May 5, 1776.*
Faith

* And sometimes by means we are not aware of, See Mr Crole's Remark, Page 13. beginning, " When we pray to God."

† The former to humble us, the latter to comfort us.

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Faith laughs at Impossibilities.*

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *May 5, 1776.*

No one comes to Christ, 'till he knows
he cannot do without him.

Mr WEST, C. S. same Afternoon.

When a Soul has Christ, he has all for
Christ's sake. The same.

When the Children of Israel were bit by
the fiery Serpents, they didn't look to the
Tabernacle and the holy Things in it, nor
even into the Holy of Holies, where stood the
Cherubims, and where shone the glory of
God, for if they had, they wou'd have died;
but they look'd simply at what God had
commanded they shou'd—at the brazen Ser-
pent; just so must we who are bit by the
old Serpent, the Devil, look simply to
Christ.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 12, 1776.

Although we shall bless and praise God
through Eternity, we shall only thereby
acknowledge

* For "all things are possible" to this blessed grace, See
Mark ix, 23.

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acknowledge the Debt we owe, but not pay
an atom of it.

Mr ROMAINÉ, St D. Su. E.

May 12, 1776.

As Christ rises in your Soul, the World,
the Flesh, and the Devil, must consequent-
ly fall. The same.

We shou'd look to Christ whenever we
stand in need of him—and that is always.

Mr JONES, C.S.C.Tu.E. *May 14, 1776.*

It is an infalible mark of Enthusiasm, to
expect the witness of the Spirit without the
means of the Spirit.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B.F.C.Su.M. *May 19, 1776.*

Come to the blood of Jesus to have Sin
pardon'd, and then come to the arm of Jesus
to have it subdu'd. The same.

The old Man will never die whilst we
live. The same.

The Promises of God are the Purposes
of God, for what he promises he purpos'd
from Eternity.

Mr (HERBERT) JONES, St D. Su. E.

May 19, 1776.

Whatever

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Whatever you want ask it of God by Prayer in faith, and then trust him for the event.

Mr (HERBERT) JONES, St D. Su. E.

May 19, 1776.

It is the happiest Life we can live, to live on the Promises of God. The same.

There is nothing we can possibly want, but it is laid up in the fulness of Christ.

The same.

It's all Folly that doesn't lead us to Christ, and it's all true Wisdom that does.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 26, 1776.

Don't be afraid to part with any thing for Christ, it's Unbelief that persuades you there is more Pleasure, Satisfaction or Happiness in any thing than in him.

The same.

The enjoyment of Christ is really Paradise. The same.

It is the Believer's Complaint and Prayer,
" O God, my Heart is too narrow, enlarge
" it

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“ it, that it may hold more of the Love of
“ the holy Jesus.”

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 26, 1776.

Christians are like a Spark preserv'd in
the Ocean unextinguish'd, they are, as it
were, in the midst of the Fire, and not con-
sum'd.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 26, 1776.

If it's an honour to be a Christian, surely
it cannot be a dishonour to be a great one.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

May 26, 1776.

“ That Miracles are ceas'd, some vainly
do tell,

“ But this I do know,

“ It cannot be so,

“ Since I'm out of Hell;”

says one; and if Miracles are not ceas'd
whilst a Sinner is out of Hell, how can they
be ceas'd when he is in a fair way to
Heaven?

The same.

I have read of an Author, who, whilst he
was writing a Book he was about to publish,
wou'd

wou'd ev'ry now-and-then look back to the Title, to see if his Work corresponded thereto, and if it answer'd the expectations rais'd thereby. Now the use I wou'd make hereof, and wou'd recommend to you, is, for thee, O Sinner, to look back ev'ry now-and-then, and consider for what thou wast created; and for thee, O Saint, to look back ev'ry now-and-then, and consider for what thou wast redeem'd.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

May 26, 1776.

If you had a Servant who was revil'd and abus'd for serving you justly and faithfully, you wou'd not think the worse of him for that—by no means; so Slander and Abuse do not make Christians at all the worse in the eyes of their heavenly Master.

The same.

Mr Henry has the following Remark in his Comment on the Psalms: “ When you
“ send your Letters (for so he calls our
“ Prayers), be sure to direct them *to the*
“ *care of the Redeemer*, and then they'll
“ never miscarry.”

The same,

People

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People are apt now-a-days to send us to
Hömer and Virgil to learn Divinity.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

May 26, 1776.

God enable us to see the way to the
Bosom of the Father, through the Mediation
of the Son. The same.

Error assaults the Christian in numerous
shapes, and sometimes in very plausible ones
too.

Mr DE COURCY, B. F. C. Su M.

June 9, 1776.

The Service which is offer'd to God un-
der a sense of his Mercies, is like the * Offer-
ing of Noah; it ascends up into his Nostrils
as a sweet smelling Savour.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. *June 9, 1776.*

† “The Elder shall serve the Younger;”
so Nature shall serve Grace. The same.

The careless Sinner, like the Smith's Dog,
whilst the Sparks fly about him sleeps secure.

The same.

When I first came to London, I knew a
great many young People who seem'd to

set

* See Gen. viii. 21. † Gen. xxv. 23.

set out very zealously in the way to Heaven, but by degrees they conform'd a little to the World; then a little more, and then a little more still, till at last they gave up Religion entirely. Let this be a Caution to all young People, that they are not led away, like them, by a coaxing Devil.—O beware of the coaxing Devil!

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *June 9, 1776.*

“ But,” say some, “ all * this may be done in a cool, rational manner.”—Just as if a Person seeing his Friend’s House on Fire, was to walk coolly up and give five or six cool, rational taps at the Door, and when the Servant was come, in a very cool, rational manner, was to send him to tell his Master he shou’d be glad to speak with him, and when his Friend came to him after five or six cool, rational Congees, he was to tell him—his House was on Fire—wou’d you not think such a Man acted very inconsistently? And yet you blame Ministers because they are earnest in beseeching poor Sinners to fly from the Wrath to come,
and

* Viz. Telling Sinners of their dangerous Situation by Nature.

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and from * that Fire which never shall be quenched.

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *June 9, 1776.*

If a Christian has but one evil Temper, that one is enough to break his Heart.

The same.

Men hate the † Remedy because they love the † Disease.

Mr HILL, Tab.Mo.E. *June 10, 1776.*

They that knock hardest § knock the best, and they that knock the oft'nest are the most welcome.

The same.

Means of Grace are balmy Things.

The same.

An Interest in the Blood of Christ, will make Afflictions the choicest Blessings.

Mr TOWERS, A.L. Su M. *June 16, 1776.*

Fly, Sinner, to || this Refuge, and all the Storms of Life can't injure you.

The same.

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* See Mark ix. 43, 44, 45, 46, 48. † Christ. ‡ Sin,
§ At the Door of Mercy. || Christ Jesus.

I shou'd think the Israelites were Monsters if I didn't know my own Heart, but I needn't go out of myself to find one.

Mr EADE, A.L.Su.M. *June 23, 1776.*

Temporal Blessings are not the tokens of God's Love, but the overflowings of his Bounty. The same.

Old Christians are much in Praise.

Mr ROMAINE, B.F.C Su.M.

June 23, 1776.

As you receiv'd Christ at first as your Prophet, Priest and King, so walk in him all the way to Heaven. The same.

O my Friends! if I didn't see a wise Hand through a dark Providence, there wou'd be no such thing as supporting myself under it.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

June 23, 1776.

The Lord is forc'd to blast our Fruit sometimes, lest we shou'd look at it, and fall in love with it.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 30, 1776.

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Jesus

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Jesus is a Treasury without Locks or Bars, and stands open Night and Day: * he has Gifts on purpose to bestow, they are not meant to lay and rust.

Mr ROMAINE, B.F.C.Su.M. *June 30, 1776.*

When God sends an adverse Dispensation to the Believer, it is with this Message,
“ Go and draw that Sinner from the love
“ of the World, go and take away that
“ Comfort, he’s going to make an Idol of
“ it.”

The same.

The best way to get your Graces strengthen’d, is to exercise ’em. ’

The same.

Praise goes up, and then Blessings come down.

The same.

Sometimes God lets his People fall, to make them stand more firm.

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *June 30, 1776.*

Sometimes you and I get into a State of Insensibility and Indifference; Praying is dull Work, and tho’ we do it, yet it is merely to satisfy and quiet Conscience; God, then, to rouse us from our Lethargy, permits us to fall.

The same.

Remember,

* See Psalm lxxviii, 18.

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Remember, Believer, when the * Lamb
was eat, it was with bitter Herbs.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

June 30, 1776.

A Preacher shou'd endeavour to draw out
the Heart of the Text, and put it into the
Heart of his Hearers. The same.

If Centinels who ought to Watch and
give the Alarm shou'd fall asleep, there's no
harm if a common Man shou'd give it; so
if the Watchmen of Israel fall asleep, there's
no harm for a Layman to give the Alarm, and
tell People the dangerous State of their
Souls. The same.

There is so much Pride in the Heart of
Man, that if he lives in a Christian Country,
if he is not a real Christian he will assume
the Form of Godliness. The same.

The carnal Eye will take black for white,
it will take the Devil himself for an Angel.

Mr HILL, C.S.Th.E. *July 4, 1776.*

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The World imagine that Religion robs a Man of his Happiness; but a short time after you have set out in a Religious course, Use will make it easy and pleasant, new Joys will spring up, and you will find it the happiest Life in the World, to live in close Communion with God.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

July 7, 1776.

If our Faith be alive and growing, it will certainly bring forth growing Thanksgiving.

The same.

There's matter of Thanks to be drawn from all God's Dealings with his Children.

The same.

What makes a Christian praise God more To-day than he did Yesterday? Not merely because he has receiv'd more Blessings from him, but because he sees he is more unworthy of 'em.

The same.

Keep a watchful Eye over Yourself, that you do not rob God of his glory.*

The same.

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* This is certainly a very necessary Caution, for Believers are too apt to be proud of the very Actions they are both inclined to do, and enabled to perform, by the Grace of God.

He that has a few Wants has enough to drive him to God, and he that has many has not too many for God to supply.

Mr DURANT, Tab.Sat.E. *July 20, 1776.*

“ Like loves like ;” the Children of God love the Image of God wherever they see it, and the more it resembles their heavenly Father, the more they love it.

(Unknown,) C.S.C.Su.A. *July 21, 1776.*

This it is that makes the Doctrine of Election so much cavill'd at, because it lays Man as low as the Devil, and because it can give no reason why God chose Man and not the Devil.*

Mr PECKWELL, Tab.Su.E. *July 21, 1776.*

“ As none of the Merit is found in me,” says the poor Sinner, “ I'll have none of the Praise.”

The same.

No Person knows any thing of God profitably, but he that knows him experimentally.

Mr CLAYTON, Tab.Mo.E. *July 22, 1776.*

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* A humbling Doctrine truly, which the Pride of the human Heart cannot brook.

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It is good to draw near to God as a Preventative against Temptation.

Mr CLAYTON, Tab. Mo. E.

July 22, 1776.

It is good to draw near to God as a Preservative in Temptation. The same.

It is good to draw near to God, because we are thereby assimilated into his Image; for as a Person by being intimate with another catches his Tempers, so those who draw near to God are thereby transformed into his likeness. The same.

Drawing near to God here, is a good Earnest that the Man will enjoy God hereafter. The same.

Seeing then there are such Benefits accruing from drawing near to God; how ought we to prize Christ Jesus for opening a Way, whereby we may draw near to God! The same.

If it is thus good to draw near to God, how wrong is it for Christians to be backward

ward in doing so? God is not weary in giving, why shou'd we be weary in asking? we stand starving and looking on each other, whilst there is Corn in Egypt.

Mr CLAYTON, Tab. Mo. E.

July 22, 1776.

At all Times, in all Situations, and in all Places, it is good to draw near to God.

The same.

Time discovers new and unexpected Things in Religion.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. M.

July 28, 1776.

When we are hearing the Gospel preached, the Devil tries to throw Thoughts into the Mind to divert it from the Subject, and so the Man goes away from under the Word no better than when he came.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

July 28, 1776.

The Devil comes up, even into the Pulpit, and raises Pride there; he follows you when you do a Kindness, and raises Pride there; he some-how makes the Pot

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of Ointment send forth an unfavory Savor,
by putting in some dead Fly or other.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

July 28, 1776.

As there is no Enemy near our Land, we
lie down without fear; but in America, where
the Seat of War is, there are Centinels
plac'd, and I suppose it is Death to any one
of them who is found Sleeping; and why is
this? because they are fearful of an Enemy,
who they know will try to cut them off.
So ought the Christian to be watchful and
vigilant, because *his* Enemy, the Devil,
goes about seeking whom he may devour.

The same.

When a Christian omits attending an
Ordinance, when he has an opportunity to
attend, he both loses a Privilege and ne-
glects a Duty.

Mr GROVE, Tab. Su. E. July 28, 1776.

What is the Covenant of Grace? Christ
fulfilling the Covenant of Works for us.

Mr WATTS, A. L. Su. M. Aug. 4, 1776.

I remember reading an old Author, who
requests the Believer " never to forget the
" three

“ three Whats. First, What from? Secondly, What by? and Thirdly, What to?—What from? Believers are redeem’d from Hell and Destruction. What by? By the precious Blood of Christ? What to? To an Inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.”—
O then, Believer, never forget the three Whats.

Mr WATTS, A.L.Su.M. *Aug. 4, 1776.*

Don’t you owe the old Serpent a grudge? Live holy then, for that grieves him to the Heart.

The same.

Suppose a Minister was to preach to you whom you knew to be a very bad Man, do you think you cou’d edify by him? No, say you, we cou’d not: so your Words and Sentiments preach to others, and if your Actions are not agreeable thereto, you’ll do no good, none will edify by *you*.

The same.

In the same degree we give way to that which is Sensual, we lose the attaining that Wisdom which God teaches his People.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 11, 1776.

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As Christians are continually wanting, so they are, or ought to be, continually praying.

Mr GROVE, Tab.Su.E. *Aug.* 18, 1776.

Believers have much in hand, and more in hope. The same.

* God's People are as much chosen to Obedience in Time, as to Heaven in Eternity. The same.

The Christian's Heart is ever jealous of Sin.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M. *Aug.* 25, 1776.

The Sin of Omission is generally the first cause of God's departing from his People, and sins of Omission lead to sins of Commission, for he that goes off God's ground, who can tell where he will run to?

Mr GROVE, Tab.Su.E. *Aug.* 25, 1776.

Lukewarmness in Matters of Religion, is a cause of God's departing from his People. The same.

When your Religion dwindles into Formality, God will, to rouse you up, leave you to Yourself for a Time. The same.

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* See John xv. 16. Eph. ii. 10.

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Non-improvement under the Means of Grace, is another cause why God departs from you.

Mr GROVE, Tab.Su.E Aug 25, 1776.

Pride, and spiritual Pride above the rest, is another cause of God's departing from you. The same.

Some effects of the loss of God's Presence are, loss of Peace and Comfort in the Soul, and great Deadness, Darknes and Bondage. The same.

You may seek for your Comforts where you will, Believer, but you'll never find 'em but in God. The same.

We stand but as we are upheld.

Mr HUTCHINGS, A. L. Su. M.
Sept. 1, 1776.

They only Pray acceptably who Pray humbly, tho' they are not accepted for their humility in Praying. The same.

Peter

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Peter follow'd Christ at a distance—so that Satan easily stept in between them.*

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Sept. 1, 1776.

A strong Faith will get whatever it wants.

Mr (MOSES) BROWNE, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 1, 1776.

When Christ said to the Man whose Hand was wither'd, † “Stretch forth thine “Hand,” he did not say, “Lord, I cannot, “it is wholly wither'd;” but this true Son of Abraham made the attempt in Faith, and was heal'd accordingly. The same.

A Sinner's first Step is not, as one observ'd, from Sin to Holiness; but from Sin to Christ, and then to Holiness. The same.

+ No one will be condemn'd merely because he was a Sinner, but because he was an Unbeliever.

When

* A very proper Hint to those who are really the Followers of Christ, but who, like Peter, (See *Matt*, xxvi, 58.) follow him afar off.

† *Matt*, xii, 13.

When the Believer is as nigh to God as a Creature can be, the sound of the Devil's Feet is heard behind him; but, blessed be God, he is as near to his People as the Devil can be, and if the Devil touch Job's Flesh, and Job's Bone too, God is in Job's Heart, and that's nigher.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.
Sept. 1, 1776.

I remember an Instance much to * the Purpose—I was brought up by the Sea-side, and one time, being on the Shore, I saw a Ship come sailing in immediately towards the dangerous Rocks, which are in those Parts; the Captain and Passengers, I afterwards found, were in the Cabbin, drinking and playing at Cards, and the Crew employ'd below Deck: In the midst of their Mirth and Jollity, the Ship ran against one of the Rocks, the Captain ran out of the Cabbin on Deck, and immediately return'd and acquainted the Passengers, that they might expect to be in Eternity in five Minutes; now the Crew, had not properly regarded

* Mr Bassett is speaking of the uncertainty of the time of Death, &c.

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garded the course of the Ship, for instead of sailing out towards the main Ocean, as they suppos'd, they were sailing directly contrary, and had got among some of the most dangerous Rocks, on one of which the Ship ran and bulg'd in a very alarming manner; the Captain therefore said too true, for in less than three Minutes the Ship sunk, and every Soul on board perish'd, except the Mate and Boatswain. Among the Passengers were, a young Captain in the Army, his Wife and her Sister, three as capable, I suppose, of enjoying the Pleasures of Life, as any three in this City, quite in the bloom of Youth, and having the favors of Fortune in a profuse degree, when they, with the other Passengers, were call'd out of Time by this awful Providence.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. M.

Sept. 8, 1776.

It is a View of God's Love that sets the Soul a-going.

Mr ILLINGWORTH, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 8, 1776.

God's Salvation, is a Salvation from all kinds of Misery to all degrees of Happiness.

The same.

You

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You will find, that wherever the Blood of Christ delivers from the Guilt of Sin; the Power of Christ delivers from the Dominion of Sin.

Mr ILLINGWORTH, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 8, 1776.

God will make Nature bow to Grace,
The same.

O then, say you, if the Law has no force respecting the Elect, they may live as they list—and so they do, that is to the glory of God.

The same.

God never takes any thing away from his Children, but he gives them something better; if he takes away the Six-pence of Comforts, he gives 'em the Shilling of Grace.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.

Sept. 8, 1776.

God's Covenant is the Christian's *Magna Charta*.

Mr EADE, A.L.Su.M. Sept. 15, 1776.

The Devil is said to * “go about seeking
“whom he may devour.” Observe, not
whom

* 1 Pet. v. 8.

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whom he *would* devour, but only whom he *may*.

Mr (MOSES) BROWNE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Sept. 15, 1776.

· People who are in a Swoon, or a deep Sleep, seem to be dead; so it is often with true Believers; like Trees in Winter which seem dead, yet they have a Root.

The same.

If you are a Believer and Backslide, it will cost you Peter's Weeping, and David's broken Heart.

The same.

A Christian finds it the hardest Work he has, to keep under his Bosom Sin.

The same.

Above all, beware of listening to Unbelief.

The same.

Grace is of a progressive Nature, it is like a Grain of Mustard-seed; there are Babes in Christ, Children in Christ, Young Men in Christ, and Fathers in Christ.

Mr ILLINGWORTH, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 15, 1776.

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* “ The Heart is deceitful above all
“ things, and desperately wicked;” you and
I have these wicked Hearts, and shall carry
them with us to the Grave; how watchful
then should we be of them!

MR ILLINGWORTH, B. F. C. Su. A.
Sept. 15, 1776.

We have nothing to plead but Christ's
† death and ‡ doing.

MR GROVE, Tab. Su. E. *Sept. 15, 1776.*

Some, instead of reading § it “ Wonder-
“ ful, Counsellor,” read it “ wonderful
“ Counsellor,” without the Commabetween
Wonderful and Counsellor; meaning that
Christ is a wonderful Counsellor.

The same.

Where Christ is most precious he is most
belov'd, and where he is most belov'd he is
most valu'd, and where he is most valu'd he
is most follow'd.

MR WEST, A. L. Su. M. *Sept. 22, 1776.*

If

* Jer. xvii. 9.

† As our Atonement.

‡ As our Justification.

§ Isa. ix. 6.

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If Christ had not redeem'd his People,
God cou'd not, consistent with his Justice,
begin a work of grace on the Heart.

MR STRAHAN, A. L. Su. M.

Sept. 29, 1776:

* "Thou art mine;" by a transposition
of the word "mine," it reads, "Thou art
"in me." The same.

God is a Father to his People in Christ
Jesus; so that when the Believer is going to
God's House, he shou'd say, "I'm now
"going to my Father's House;" when he
is going to the Throne of Grace, he shou'd
say, "I'm now going to my Father's
"Throne;" and when he is going to the
Lord's Table, he shou'd say, "I'm now
"going to my Father's Table."

The same.

The Christian finds the need of a daily
Self-denial, for the Flesh will be continual-
ly drawing to the World.

MR FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. Sept. 29, 1776.

Miracles

* Isa. xliii. 2.

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Miracles of Mercy we all are, because we are out of Hell; but Miracles of Grace may God make us!

Mr KENSMAN, Tab. Su. E. *Sept.* 29, 1776.

Joshua was a Man of God—consequently a Man of Prayer. The same.

Christ saw that we must be under the iron Rod of Vengeance, unless he bore the Stroke; he therefore mercifully stepped in between, and * “with his Stripes we are healed.”

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. M. *Oct.* 6, 1776.

Death and Sin are twin Sisters, they enter'd into the World together, and every Mortal instances he is a Sinner; and Sin not only extends to the Grave, and follows the Sinner 'till he has departed this Life, but it also follows him to the bar of God; nor does it leave him there, but still continues to follow him to the Pit of Hell, and there for ever fans the Fire which never shall be quench'd.

Mr HAWES, B. F. C. Su. M. *Oct.* 20, 1776.

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Yes,

* Isa. lv. 5.

Yes, Sinner, thou must be sav'd as a Sinner indebted to sovereign Grace, * "by
 " grace are ye saved, through faith; and
 " that *not of yourselves*: it is the gift of
 " God."

Mr HAWKES, B.F.C.Su.M.Oct.20,1776.

† God gives us Repentance, as well as
 forgiveness of Sin. The same.

"I desire," says the Believer, "only to
 " live for him who died for me."

The same.

God enable you and me to be continually
 at the Feet of Jesus, in the midst of a de-
 luded and deluding World. The same.

Thy Prayer is not heard because it is
 good, but because it is put into the Angel's
 Censer, and ascends up with the Incense
 thereon, into the Nostrils of the most High,
 as a sweet-smelling Savor. The same.

The Refiner's Fire doesn't put dross into
 the Ore, but only discovers it to the Ob-
 server; and Afflictions and Distresses do not
 put

* Eph. ii. 8.

† See Acts v. 21.

put evil into the Heart, but only discover it to the Man.

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C Su.A. Oct. 20, 1776.

The Lord tries the grace he gives, and thereby strengthens it; we wax valiant in Fight, as the Body by exercise grows stronger and stronger. The same.

—As I answer'd a profess'd Arian, who ask'd me the other Day at my own Door, "Do you believe the Doctrine of the Trinity?" "I do," replied I, "as much as I believe the Sun now shines:" "Explain it to me, then," said he, "Meet me," replied I, "the other side Jordan, and I'll explain it to you there, but on this side, I can only stand and adore."

Mr KINSMAN, Tab.Su.E. Oct. 20, 1776.

It is a maxim among Astronomers, when they want to see the celestial Bodies clearly, to get into a deep Pit, and the deeper the Pit the clearer the View—thus it is I'm sure in the Christian World, for the more the Man is abas'd before God, the clearer are his Views of the goodness of God. The same.

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Praise arises from a sense of God's goodness to the Unworthy.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 27, 1776.

The more Faith you have, the more Fruit you'll have.

Mr KINSMAN, Tab. Su. E. *Oct. 27, 1776.*

As you encrease in Faith, you'll encrease in Courage, in Joy, in Peace; in hatred to Sin, and in love to Holiness. The same.

We are, by Nature, wedded to the Law, and it requires a force, not less than Almighty, to wean us from it.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 3, 1776.

We don't obey, because God *shou'd* love us, but because he *has* lov'd us—our Obedience is all Gratitude. The same.

As the Christian goes on, his views of the Saviour become clearer and clearer.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 10, 1776.

Reason must be enlighten'd, sanctified, and renew'd, when we begin to judge of divine Truth. The same.

The

The heart of the Christian is like the heart of the Miser; whilst other People are asleep, the Miser is awake, and anxious about his Gold; so whilst other People are careless and unconcern'd, the Christian is awake, and anxious about his Soul.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Nov. 17, 1776.

The Christian temper is an absolute dependence on Grace every Moment.

Mr ROMAINE, St D. Su. E.

Nov. 17, 1776.

If one Delusion won't do, the Devil always has another ready. The same.

Faith opens the Heart to receive Christ, he knocks by his Word, and by various Providences, both prosperous and adverse; but the Heart remains shut 'till God sends Faith into it, and then it opens and receives Jesus.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 24, 1776.

The Christian's Heart is very tender, it smites him when he commits small Sins, as

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David's

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David's did, when he cut off the skirt of Saul's Garment, when he might have taken away his Life.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 24, 1776.

'Till the Mind of Man is enlighten'd by the Spirit of God, he goes into the House of God, but sees nothing amiable in his Worship; and he looks into his own Heart, and sees nothing so very bad in it. The same.

It is not enough to *see* the Way, but we shou'd also *walk* in it. The same.

Christ's Disciples are the World's Fools*.

Mr KINSMAN, Tab. Su. E.

Nov. 24, 1776.

There are none truly humbled, but those who have a sense of God's mercy in Christ Jesus.

Mr ROMAINE, St D. same Evening.

All the Communion between God and Man, is in the humble Heart.

The same.

There

* And Christ's Fools are the World's Disciples.

There is not * any grace given to a Believer, but what is given at a time when he is sensible he wants it most.

Mr ROMAINÉ, St D. Su. E. Nov. 24, 1776.

The Christian's Cloathing is Humility.

The same.

The way to preserve the sweet scent of our Graces, is to cloath them with Humility.

The same.

The Name of the Lord as Father, is not a Name as to his Essence; but as a Covenant God in his Office.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, C.S. same Evening.

The Name of JEHOVAH alone, wou'd be of no use to Sinners; but when the Covenant Names are join'd to it, then it's full of comfort.

The same.

I remember a Minister, who ask'd a Malefactor going to be Executed, "What he hop'd to be sav'd for?" he answer'd, "For

* i. e. Any degree of the grace of God, not any Grace of the Spirit; for the graces of the Spirit, (mentioned in the next Remark but one) are all given to a Believer on his Conversion.

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“ For his good Works ;” and he was then going to be hang’d for Murder.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, C. S. Su. E.
Nov. 24, 1776.

We must have a Righteousness to enter Heaven with, either by the Law, or by the Gospel ; we find daily our *Law*-righteousness will never do, therefore we must have a *Gospel*-righteousness, or we shall not be admitted. The same.

When on a Death-bed, we shou’d not look at what *we are* : but shou’d (by faith) look at what *Christ is*.

Mr ROMAINÉ, St D. Th. E. Nov. 28, 1776.

We ought continually to be looking, whether our Faith works by Love. The same.

The way to have your Prayers answer’d, is never to give up.

Mr FOSTER, St A. Fr. E. Nov. 29, 1776.

A Little with God’s Blessing, is better than Thousands with his Curse.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
Dec. 1, 1776.

If

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If you love God, you will love those whom God has set over you; namely, civil, natural, and religious Parents.

Mr RÔMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 1, 1776.

One may know what is in the Heart, by what comes out of it.

The same.

There's Heart-theft — there's stealing with your Eyes.

The same.

What is opposite to Christ Jesus in us, we shou'd put him upon crucifying daily; and what is agreeable to him, we shou'd Pray that it may work more and more by Love.

The same.

If the whole Law was to be summ'd up in one Word, it wou'd be, LOVE—love to God, and love to Man, for God's sake.

The same.

Here's the exercise of Christ's grace,
“ I'll pardon their Sins through my Blood,
“ I'll conquer them through my Power.”

The same.

God

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God first finds the Sinner, and then the Sinner begins to seek God.

Mr FOSTER, B.F.C.Su.A. *Dec. 1, 1776.*

There is a powerful bias in human Nature to Sin.* The same.

Believing will always bring Joy and Peace.

Mr ROMAINÉ, St D. Su. E. *Dec. 1, 1776.*

Wherever there is really the Work of God, there the Devil is always working hardest. The same.

There's not a Soul here to Night, but if God was to let 'em see the holiness of the Law, it wou'd either drive 'em to Despair, or else to Christ. The same.

The more we depend upon Christ, the more humble we shall be. The same.

You must look beyond Houses and Lands, and Wives and Children, for Happiness.

Mr HALLWARD, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 8, 1776.

David

* To love it, and to commit it.

David rejoic'd in the everlasting Covenant; he rejoic'd in it, to redeem him as an ungodly Creature; he rejoic'd in it, to sanctify him as an unholy Creature; and he rejoic'd in it, to glorify him as an unworthy Creature.

Mr HALLWARD, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 8, 1776.

The Covenant was *from* Everlasting in its Counfel and Cause, and is *to* Everlasting in its Consequences, Blessings and Effects.

The same.

A provision is made in the Covenant, for all the Guilt, and all the Wants, of every one who is made a partaker of its Blessings.

The same.

The convinc'd Sinner will give the World for a Pardon.

The same.

When the Sinner has tasted of the love of God, he longs to be holy.

The same.

People make shift to *live* without Christ, but how will they do to *die* without him?

The same.

Christians

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Christians glory in the Eternity of the everlasting Covenant, in its Provisions, in its Blessings, and in its Security.

Mr HALLWARD, B. F. C. Su. M.
Dec. 8, 1776.

Tho' God's Ways are mysterious, yet they are right; "tho' Clouds and Darkness
" are round about him," yet "Righteous-
" ness and Judgment are the habitation of
" his Seat." The same.

Who knows he was Dreaming 'till he awake? so the Sinner, asleep in the arms of Sin, knows not he is dreaming 'till he awake from his spiritual lethargy, and then, behold all was a Dream.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. A.
Dec. 8, 1776.

The Christian shines in two respects, in Justification, and in Sanctification; in the former he shines more particularly towards God, in the latter towards Men—In the Canticles it is said, the Church is "clear as
" the Sun, fair as the Moon;" perhaps,
" clear as the Sun," refers to the Justifica-
tion, and "fair as the Moon," to the Sancti-
fication

fication of God's People; now the Sun shines perfectly, and is always the same, but the Moon frequently changes, and therefore does not shine at all times alike; so the Christian shines perfectly respecting Justification, but imperfectly respecting Sanctification.

Mr BASSETT, B. F. C. Su. A.
Dec. 8, 1776.

We shou'd take great care, that others do not pull us into the Mire, whilst we are attempting to pull them out. The same.

The mind of a natural Man, is nothing but a mass of Darkness and Ignorance.

The same.

If you neglect Christ the great Sacrifice, there remains no other Sacrifice for Sin.

The same.

If a Christian wou'd but remember Christ's words, he wou'd find them to be bread to him when he is hungry, water to him when he is thirsty, and as a staff to him when he is weary.

Mr Joss, Tab. Su. E. Dec. 8, 1776.

Every

Every Man has a right to choose his own Servants, and God has a right to choose his.

Mr Joss, Tab. Su. E. Dec. 8. 1776.

They who live near Christ, learn much of him, they catch his Manners. The same.

Christ loves to come at the time when poor Hope lays just expiring, Patience stands by with its back just broke, and Faith at the feet of Patience, is just ready to drop her shield. The same.

"If Jesus," says the Believer, "remember me, I will be the less mindful who will forget me." The same.

We are too apt to measure the ALMIGHTY by Ourselves. The same.

No Sins grieve Jacob's God, like Jacob's Sins. The same.

There are Sins that Jacob may have forgot Years ago, which Jacob's God will let him know one day or other, are blotted out. The same.

Our

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Our Sins are like Clouds, which darken the Atmosphere, and often stop intercourse between God and the Soul.

Mr Joss, Tab.Su.E. *Dec. 8, 1776.*

When God brings Paradise restor'd into a Man's heart, he brings him first into the deep Valley of Humiliation.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. * Fr. M.
Dec. 13, 1776.

The Lord the Spirit is to make us Humble, and keep us Humble, it is his proper Work.
The same.

Every Believer is a Pensioner on Grace.
The same.

O let us not look so much at second Causes! that is the reason we are so often puzzled.
The same.

The more Humble you are, the more you will live in fellowship with God.
The same.

Let what will come, they who are in Christ will be safe, let the Fire, let the Deluge come, you be in the Rock.

The same.

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" I will

* The Fast-day.

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“ I will visit their Transgressions with the
“ Rod”—that’s in the Covenant ;—“ and
“ their Iniquity with stripes,”—and that’s
in the Covenant.

Mr Joss, Tab.Fr.E. Dec. 13, 1776.

Let the state of thy Soul be what it will,
lay hold of a Covenant-God, Christian.

The same.

It is said, God “ keeps mercy,” as if he
laid up a store of Mercy by him, for poor
Sinners.

The same.

Faith divinely supplies the Soul with
Eyes, Ears, and Hands; so that the Chris-
tian may say, with the Apostle, “ we have
“ heard, we have seen with our Eyes, and
“ our Hands have handled of the word of
“ Life.”

Mr COLLINS, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 15, 1776.

O Believer! thou hast ever with thee, a
God of infinite * Wisdom, a God of omni-
potent

• To guide thee.

potent * Power, and a God of unchangeable
† Love; why need you then be afraid?

Mr COLLINS, B.F.C.Su.M. *Dec. 15, 1776.*

As the manifestation of God's Love to-
wards you encreases, so will your Love to-
wards him encrease likewise. The same.

The Devil don't care how much a Man
preaches or hears, or how evangelical the
Truths are, which are preach'd or heard, if
the Preacher does not concern himself
whether the Truths he preaches reaches his
heart; and the Hearer is unconcern'd whe-
ther what he hears reaches his.

Mr Joss, Tab.Su.E. *Dec. 15, 1776.*

Faith gives glory to God, and God will
put honour upon Faith. The same.

"If thou believest," says God, "thou
" shalt see what my Love can do, thou shalt
" see what my Grace can do." The same.

It was an old saying of the Reformers,
which, tho' it is very plain, has a great
deal of Divinity in it; "God's biddings
" are enablings."

Mr ROMAINE, B.F.C.Su.M. *Dec. 22, 1776.*

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We

* To support thee.

† To bless thee.

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We have high thoughts of Self, therefore
low thoughts of Christ.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 22, 1776.

The Word of God humbles the Sinner,
and comforts the humbled Soul.

The same.

They who are living comfortably and
happily on Christ, feel the want of him
every day; and if they have more Grace,
they feel the want of him more.

The same.

The more you trust in Christ, the more
you will experience the sweetness of a hap-
py, growing Communion with him.

The same.

In proportion as we know Ourselves,
we love Christ.

The same.

O for Faith to walk more humbly, and
for Strength to walk more stedfastly!

The same.

The knowledge of ourselves, as Sinners,
is the first Step in the Ladder of Salvation.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. *Dec. 22, 1776.*

There

There is no Man that comes to Heaven,
but is first given to see his unworthiness of
it—God first shews us our Beggary before
he enriches us.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.
Dec. 22, 1776.

Free Salvation in Christ Jesus is the only
Door of hope to Sinners; as to Salvation by
keeping the Law, that Door is shut for
ever. The same.

When the Soul becomes penitent, it ab-
hors the Sins, which, when a Prodigal, it
lov'd and cherish'd. The same.

Whatever Christ can do, he will do for
his poor People.*

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. † Wed. M.
Dec. 25, 1776.

It is better to live an hour by Faith, than
to live the Life of an Emperor a thousand
Years. The same.

F 3 “Surely,”

* And if he *will* do what he *can* for his People, how
comfortable is it for the Believer to reflect, that Jesus has
“all Power in Heaven and Earth,” that he is “over all
“God blessed for ever;” and that one of his Attributes is
OMNIPOTENCE.

† Christmas-day.

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“ Surely,” says the Believer, “ never
“ Sinner wanted Christ more, never Sinner
“ deserv’d him less than I.”

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Wed. M.

Dec. 25, 1776.

Did Christ take *our* Nature? we shou’d
take *his*. The same.

If Christ is precious to you, you have
saving Faith, for he is precious to those who
believe.* The same.

Hell is our Portion by † Birth-right, and
by ‡ Wages.

Mr Joss, Tab. Wed. E. Dec. 25, 1776.

The § Son is in every Promise, and it
needs much skill to unfold these Swaddling-
cloaths; now Faith and Prayer are the two
Hands which unfold the Cloaths, and find
the Son. The same.

Happiness

* And to those only.

† i. e. On account of original Sin.

‡ i. e. On account of actual Sin.

§ i. e. Christ, “ the Son of God,” See *Mark i. 1, &c.*
and “ the Son of Man,” See *Luke ix. 58, &c.*

Happiness is enjoyed here by Faith, and in Heaven by Sense; and according to thy Faith, thy Happiness will be now.

Mr Joss, Tab. Wed. E. Dec. 25, 1776.

If there's a Man who disbelieves, that Christ is not equal to God the Father, and the Spirit, God cannot, will not, save that Man.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Wed. M.

Jan. 1, 1777.

Whatever you are doing, you will be doing wrong, if you are not looking to Christ in what you are about. The same.

If we wou'd take Christ into all, and make use of Christ in all; Troubles and Joys wou'd both tend to set us forward in our way Heaven-ward. The same.

There is not a Trouble a Christian has, but if he lives by Faith on Christ in it, he'll turn it into a Blessing. The same.

You cannot be in any Circumstance in Life, but it is a trial for your Faith.

The same.

Perhaps

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Perhaps you have Crosses at Home, and domestick Jarrs, but the Lord Jesus Christ will make them all Blessings; and those who live most by Faith on him, know most of the truth of what I am saying.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Wed. M.

Jan. 1, 1777.

Indeed, Sirs, you don't know what Christ can do in a Family, if you wou'd live on him, and commit all your Concerns to him.

The same.

If you was to perceive a Trouble coming towards you, and was to think it the most formidable you could possibly suffer, was Christ to meet you in it, you wou'd wish to have it over again, if Christ wou'd meet you in it again.

The same.

Christ Jesus is the comfort of Comforts, because he doubles Comforts.

The same.

When you don't consult Christ, you'll blunder; when you don't lean on his Arm, you'll fall; and when you don't drink of his Comforts, you drink Poison.

The same.

As

As you are found in the Covenant or out of it, so will God deal with you for ever.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 5, 1777.

The Covenant, is not the Covenant of the Three, with you and I, but with themselves.

The same.

There's nothing by chance, there's no *perhaps* in the will of God.

The same.

If a reason cou'd be assign'd for every thing, there wou'd be no room for the exercise of Faith.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Jan. 5, 1777.

Sometimes we set ourselves down in the easy Chair of Indifference, and then God sends some Affliction to shake the Chair, in order to keep us from falling asleep.

Mr Joss, Tab. Su. E. Jan. 5, 1777.

There are Judgments *with* mercy, and Judgments *without* mercy; now God's Judgments to his People are the former, they are Judgments *with* mercy.

The same.

Nothing

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No Metal is so cold as Lead when cold; but nothing so scalding when hot; so nothing is so forbearing as God's time of mercy; and nothing so dreadful as his Judgment, when it comes.

Mr Joss, Tab. Su. E. Jan. 5, 1777.

Human Nature wou'd rather fly to the Devil for relief, than to God.

Mr GLASSCOTT, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 7, 1777.

* "God is Love," and that Love is his People's in Jesus.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 12, 1777.

You are not to be sav'd by your *acts* of Faith, but by your *Object* of Faith.

The same.

The whole Volume of Nature is as much in the Covenant, as the whole Volume of Grace.

The same.

When God afflicts his People, it is always for some valuable purpose.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Jan. 12, 1777.

Christ

• 1 John iv. 8, 16.

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Christ lives to fulfil all the Promises he made to his Church.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Jan. 12, 1777.

Strong Faith may bring strong Comfort, but it will never save you.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 14, 1777.

The World is the Worliding's Paradise.*

The same.

We must either Weep here, or hereafter.†

The same.

As sure as the Sorrows of the Righteous shall be turn'd to Joy, so sure shall the Joys of the Wicked, be turn'd to Sorrow.

The same.

God knows what we are not able to bear, as well as what we are able to bear, and he always makes a way for his Children to escape out of all Difficulties, tho' never so difficult.

Mr FOSTER, St A. Fr. E. Jan. 17, 1777.

Love

* He does not desire any other Paradise, he does not expect any other, nor will he possess any other.

† Either here for Sin, or hereafter in Punishment.

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Love makes hard Duties easy.

Mr FOSTER, St A. Fr. E. *Jan. 17, 1777.*

Love manifests itself by Obedience.

The same.

Nothing is so sweet to the spiritual Palate, when it is in taste, as the Word of God.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 19, 1777.

It is poor Hearing, and poor Reading, unless you mix Faith and Prayer, with what you Hear and what you Read. The same.

God is no more niggardly in giving, than he is in promising.* The same.

One good effect of praying over the Bible is, that you'll understand the Scriptures.

The same.

You must either receive Christ as held forth † here, or perish, there's no medium.

The same.

Look

* For he will give whatever he has promised—and he will also inflict what he has threatened, he will be as good as his Word in both respects.

† In the Scriptures,

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Look to Christ more than to the Minister; look to him, more than to the Sermon.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 19, 1777.

Christ loves to be the Soul's Confident.

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E.

Jan. 19, 1777.

A Believer's Faith is in exercise in every thing he does.

Mr ROMAINÉ, St D. same Evening.

If we receive a Mercy, and are given to see ourselves unworthy of it, we receive two Mercies in one; for a sense of our unworthiness is one of the greatest Mercies that God can bestow.

The same.

A moral Action, when done with a Christian spirit, is chang'd into a heavenly Grace.

The same.

If the Devil has but a single Temptation, it is to keep you from Christ.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 21, 1777.

Christ

* For (as one has observed) "He that looks no higher than the Pulpit, looks too low."

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Christ has more Love for his People, than Heart can conceive, and more Blessings than Hands can receive.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 21, 1777.

It's for want of looking to Jesus more, under Afflictions, that we want Patience and Resignation. The same.

A Sinner never gives more glory to God, than when he trusts * *all* to Christ.

The same.

There must be Faith, before there can be Prayer.†

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 26, 1777.

When Faith is kept in proper exercise, it keeps us peaceful in the midst of Distress.‡

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A. Jan. 26, 1777.

You

* All his Salvation, and all his Concerns.

† Because a Man must believe he wants something from God, before he can, or will make any application to him.

‡ Because, "in the midst of Distress," the eye of Faith can see "all is right;" and the mouth of Faith can say, "all is well."

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You and I must have a Righteousness which will evidence to the World, that we are both Justified and Sanctified.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.
Jan. 26, 1777.

God has join'd Holiness and Happiness together, and Sin and Misery together—and what God has join'd let no Man put asunder.

The same.

If thou hast a Christ in thy Heart, a Cross on thy Shoulder, a World under thy Feet, and Heaven in thy View; thou art the happy Man.

The same.

The whole Love of the Deity, centers in Christ Jesus.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.
Jan. 28, 1777.

Christ pronounces you saved when you believe.

The same.

Plead Christ's Work, and you will certainly win the day.

The same.

Don't hearken to what your Heart says about Christ, much less to what Unbelief, and

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and the Deceiver of the Brethren says; but
look at what the Father says of him.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 28, 1777.

There's Comfort in Christ, for whatever
you are Mourning.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Feb. 2, 1777.

There's nothing that a Man looking to
Christ need fear. The same.

Carry your good Things to Christ, he'll
keep them; carry your bad Things, he'll
cure them; whatever your Frame is, let no-
thing separate you from your Beloved.

The same.

O may the Lord Jesus hear much and
often from you! The same.

There's no true Peace without Christ.

The same.

They who know * him, find that they
never knew Happiness 'till they possess him.

The same.

The

* Christ Jesus,

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The Affections of Believers mount upwards like the Eagle, they soar towards their Treasure.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Feb. 9, 1777.

Men deceive themselves with false Hopes, 'till they are so darken'd in their Minds, so harden'd in their Hearts, and so callous in their Consciences, that they are ripe for Destruction. The same.

According to the degree of our Faith and Hope, we are more or less Happy; and give more or less glory to God. The same.

Faith and Hope strengthen all the other Graces; and all the other Graces again strengthen them. The same.

How many broken Bones have the People of God blunder'd through Life with, on account of their Sins? how have they gone groaning all their Days, on account of their Transgressions?

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Feb. 9, 1777.

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Our

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Our Sins were not put into Christ, but laid upon him; and Christ's Righteousness is not put into us, but wrought out by Christ for us.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Feb. 16, 1777.

There's nothing stands between you and Christ, but a hard Heart of Unbelief.

The same.

Whatever you mourn over, O mourn over that hard Heart of Unbelief! carry it to the Blood of sprinkling; nothing but Faith in Christ can soften it. The same.

Remember, my Friends, you and I are not to choose our own Rods; no, God chooses them for us, and chooses that Rod which is the most suitable.

Mr PAGE, B. F. C. Su. A. *Feb. 23, 1777.*

If we kiss his Rods, the fewer he'll lay upon us.

The same.

Any thing God does in us, or by us, we are capable of perverting.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 2, 1777.

Remember,

Remember, Believer, who thou art indebted to for thy spiritual delivery; 'tis not to the Preacher, but to the Preacher's Master; * "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage."

Mr BERRIDGE, Tab. Su. E.

Mar. 2, 1777.

God's teaching and God's enabling go together. The same.

God has promis'd to *subdue*, not to *destroy*, our inbred Enemies. The same.

The † "roaring Lion" of Hell shall never steal a poor ‡ Lamb from § "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah." The same.

The Lord enable us to go to him, not only with importunate Prayer, but with earnest Expectations. The same.

Our Prayers and Expectations should go together. The same.

Don't pin your Faith on any of your Frames and Feelings, but rest it on God's faithfulness. The same.

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* Exod. xx. 2. † 2 Pet. v. 8. ‡ See John xxi. 15.
§ Rev. v. 5.

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The use of Ordinances is to bring us into union with God, and that being brought into union with God, we may know and enjoy our Privileges.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
Mar. 9, 1777.

There's no Man has a thankful heart, but he has a joyful heart; Thankfulness and Joy always go together. The same.

Says the Believer, "My Jesus shall be
" my Joy through Life, my Cordial in the
" hour of Death, and my Song through
" all Eternity." The same.

The Law has a demand upon you, which you can never satisfy, and Justice may arrest you any Moment; and if he does, he must cast you into the Prison of Hell for ever.* The same.

Look at what the Father says of Jesus, that is the best way to hush your Conscience, and to make and maintain Peace within.

The same.
You

* This is the dreadful State of every Sinner, who does not apply to Jesus, the great Surety of his People.

You may seek Joy where you will, but if you seek it out of Christ, you seek Life in Death.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 9, 1777.

Indeed, Sirs, the happiest People under the Sun, are they whose Faith is the strongest, their Joy is the highest. The same.

Why, the things of Time and Sense will not satisfy *you, and if they do, you're the more to be pitied; a Time will come, when you and your Joys will be parted eternally: What will you do then? the Heart and the Joys shall be for ever separated, and their absence will be your Hell. The same.

A Man who is in Christ, can stand and smile at all the World's evils. The same.

When God affords his Presence with his Rod, the Man cries, "Strike on."

The same.

If you are really in Christ, you are living below your Privilege, if you do not see the
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* Mr Romaine is addressing himself to Worldlings.

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fulness of Joy to be yours, and are living on it accordingly.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 9, 1777.

When the Heart is full of Joy, it will show itself outwardly; and when you are happy with Christ in your Heart, you will shew it by Praises from your Tongue.

The same.

The more fellowship with Christ, the more dead to Sin.

The same.

We have only one thing to do To-day, that is, to take Christ, and to live upon him.

The same.

It is in Grace, as it is in Nature; Showers don't come all the Year round, it is sometimes very dry.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 9, 1777.

Tho' all are for us, it will not do us any good if God be against us; and if God be for us, it does not signify tho' all be against us; If God says his People shall be Happy,

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all the World may try, in vain, to make them Unhappy; but if God makes a Man Unhappy, all the World cannot make him otherwise.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 9, 1777.

When the Believer looks at Temptations, he has cause to be afraid; but when he looks to his God, he has cause to cry out, with David, "I will not be afraid, tho' an Host
" should encamp against me." The same.

Paul knew that he might as well trust in his Sins, as in his Righteousness, for acceptance.

Mr HEATH, Tab. Su. E. *Mar. 9, 1777.*

If the Soul of Religion be not within thee, thy Religion will be of no use to thy Soul. The same.

There's the seed of every Sin you read of in the Bible, in your Heart. The same.

Sin is Death in the bud. The same.

Grace is the bud of Glory; Glory is the Fruit of Grace. The same.

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Says the sincere Soul, who is in earnest for Heaven, " I wou'dn't be deceived for millions of Worlds; for what wou'd it profit me, if I shou'd gain 'em all, and lose my own Soul:" he cries out, with David, " Try me, O God, and examine me, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the Way everlasting:" and his Prayer is, " O my God, if I am deceiv'd, undeceive me this very Moment."

Mr HEATH, Tab.Su.E. *Mar. 9, 1777.*

God did not redeem Man for any Merit in him, or any Misery in him, for God cannot be mov'd with any thing out of himself.

(Unknown,) B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 16, 1777.

When the great Physician takes the Soul in hand, he shows the Man that there is no health nor help in him; this is the Law-Death that precedes the Gospel-Life.

The same.

The Wicked are like the foolish Ostrich, who shuts its eyes, and thinks to avoid its Pursuers.

The same.

God's

God's Promises are like a Well, we don't want new ones.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 16, 1777.

It was by Afflictions, Distresses, Trials, and Tribulations, that St Paul got his Faith strengthen'd, and his Experience confirm'd.

The same.

The sweetest Fruits we gather, grow in the Valley of Humiliation.

The same.

Christ is strong enough to support you, and he is rich enough to supply you.

The same.

May God the Spirit show us our Wants, and show us that there is fulness in Christ to supply 'em all.

The same.

Christ is the Sinner's way to God, and God's way to the Sinner.

The same.

"My God," is the Language of Faith, of Love, of a good Conscience, and of Experience.

The same.

Tho'

Tho' want of Circumspection won't break
God's Covenant, yet it will break our Bones,
it will damp our Spirits.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 16, 1777.

God has given his People Bodies as well
as Souls, and he'll provide for the whole
Man.

The same.

We shou'd water the work of our Hands
with Prayer.

The same.

It does not signify how many or how great
the Believer's Wants are, if they are real
Wants; if God sees he has need of a sup-
ply for them, he shall have them supplied.

The same.

We shou'dn't put Ifs and Buts on God's
Promises.

The same.

Our Prayers and our Doings, will not
atone for our Sins.

Mr BOOTH, A. L. Su. M. Mar. 23, 1777.

The working of our Corruptions and our
inward Distresses, instead of discouraging us,
shou'd

thou'd rather make us more watchful, and more earnest and frequent in Prayer.

Mr BOOTH, A. L. S. M. *Mar. 23, 1777.*

When we broke God's Law in Adam, it caused a Vail to be drawn between God and our Souls; we are daily thickening it by actual Sins, and this Vail cou'd never be rent, 'till Christ died for our Sins, and then "the Vail was rent in twain, from the top "to the bottom."*

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. S. M.

Mar. 23, 1777.

You have much reason to dread your State, if you are always the same.

The same.

You cannot have Grace here, or Glory hereafter, but through Christ Jesus.

The same.

It is only the Scriptures that account to us for the wickedness of Mankind.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. S. A.

Mar. 23, 1777.

It

* So that Believers now enjoy what Adam fell from, namely, union to and communion with God, wherein, and wherein alone, consists the happiness of an Immortal Soul.

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It is by the Scriptures only, that Believers know their own peculiar vileness; without a knowledge of this, we never value Christ as a Saviour, nor lay in the Dust before him; we are apt, when we compare ourselves one with another, to think well of ourselves; like one brought up in the Country, who thinks himself as well behaved as any other Person, but bring him to Court, and he'll soon perceive the difference.

MR FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 23, 1777.

We shou'd take the Scriptures as our Looking-Glass, and see how *they* represent us.

The same.

The Scriptures discover the true source of relief to a guilty Conscience.

The same.

It is only from the Bible that you can pity the prosperous Ungodly, and bless God that you are not in their case.

The same.

This will make you willing to drop your earthly Tabernacle, when you know that you have one prepar'd for you in the Heavens.

The same.

It's

It's a mistake, it's a Temptation of the Devil to lead on in Wickedness, to suppose that a religious Life is an unhappy Life.*

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 23, 1777.

Saint Paul found all that was worth having, in a crucified Jesus †

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. † Fr. M.

Mar. 28, 1777.

Christ is not a Winter-Sun, which only gives light, but he is like a Spring-Sun; he deadens the Man to a wintry State, warms and cultivates his Heart, and makes the Fruits spring forth. The same.

This spiritual Life is to deaden us to sensual Life. The same.

If you are crucified to the World, the World will crucify you; you must part with all that's good and great; when a Man comes to Christ, tho' he was the wisest Man living before, yet he is then thought the greatest Fool,

* For Religion is the only source of Happiness, and the more Religious we are, the more Happy we shall be.

† And so does every one who lives on his fulness,

† Good-Friday.



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Fool; tho' he was a Man that bore a very good Character among his Neighbours, and was look'd upon as blameless in his Life and Conduct, yet when he is given to see that all his Works are nothing worth, and enabled to cast 'em behind him as dung and dross, and wou'dn't give a Straw for the best of 'em; the worst word in their Mouths is then too good for him.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C Fr. M.

Mar. 28, 1777.

Tho' it is very hard thus to deny ourselves, yet every thing is possible to God, and so Faith finds it; the same Power that crucified you to the World, will crucify the World in you. The same.

The more we are crucified to the Life of sense, the more we are alive to the Life of God; as one falls the other will rise.

The same.

You are Sinners, where do you look for Pardon? you are dying Sinners, where do you look for everlasting Life and everlasting Salvation? * the answer shou'd be, "To Christ Jesus." The same.

When

* See Isa. xlv. 22,

When Christ rises upon the Soul, all
* these vain things † fade away; there are as
many Stars in the Day as in the Night, but
the Sun puts 'em all out.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Fr. M.

Mar. 28, 1777.

The more you walk with Christ, the more
Peace you'll have, the more you'll see you
have obtain'd mercy of God, and that you
are the Israel of God. The same.

When the Conscience is pain'd on ac-
count of the dread of punishment for Sin,
a proper sight of Christ will take away that
pain.

Mr (HERBERT) JONES, B. F. C. Fr. A.

Mar. 28, 1777.

What is the use of keeping Good-Friday,
but to draw our attention *back* on what
Christ has done, by offering himself up a
Sacrifice for Sin, and to make us look *for-
ward* at the Fruits of his Obedience unto
Death. The same.

“ Behold

• i. e. The Pleasures of Time and Sense.

† i. e. Fade away in the estimation of those on whom
Christ the Sun of righteousness rises,

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* "Behold the Man," for every Comfort in Life, for every Blessing in Eternity.

Mr (HERBERT) JONES, B. F. C. Fr. A.

Mar. 28, 1777.

If Christ's Blood has satisfied the Father's Justice, it ought to satisfy my Conscience.

The same.

We must say to you in Temporals as well as in Spirituals, "Behold the Man."

The same.

We feel our Wants on purpose to drive us to Christ.

The same.

"Behold the Man," is the improvement of † this Day.

The same.

The love of Sin being taken away, the power of Sin will be destroyed.

The same.

All Sin has some affinity with the wrath of God.

Mr EADE, A. L. Su. M.

Mar. 30, 1777.

The Moon is fair and beautiful, but her Beauty is all borrow'd; so the Church is fair

* John xix. 5.

† Good-Friday.

fair and beautiful, but she is so by the comeliness Christ puts upon her.

Mr EADE, A.L.Su.M. *Mar. 30, 1777.*

The more you and I are like Christ, the more Communion we shall have with him, and the more Communications from him.

The same.

If a Person has the real Life and Spirit of Religion, it will display itself in his private, as well as his publick Character.

The same.

Believers have a Life, that Death can never touch.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 30, 1777.

You have nothing to look at and fear, whilst you are living by faith on the Son of God.

The same.

When a Man sets his face Heaven-ward, he turns his back on the World.

Mr WEST, A.L.Su.M. *Apr. 6, 1777.*

It is one thing to carry Sin about with us as a Burthen and hate it, and another thing to carry it about with us and indulge, pamper, and practice it.

The same.

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All

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All God's Children are very, very poor.*

Mr WEST, A.L.Su.M. *Apr. 6, 1777.*

Adam was the root of Generation, Christ is the root of Regeneration; from Adam we derive Sin and Death, from Christ, Life and Righteousness.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 6, 1777.

† Tho' Death looks dark to Nature, yet Faith will brighten the prospect.

The same.

Where Men will grow in Grace, they must make frequent use of the Means of Grace; See 1 *Pet.* ii. 2.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 6, 1777.

The Child is nourish'd by what it receives from its Mother; so Believers are nourish'd and grow by what they receive from the Lord Jesus, ‡ in whom God has laid up every thing they want. The same.

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* They are indeed *all* so in a Spiritual sense, and *mostly* so in a Temporal one.

† See Psalm xxiii. 4.

‡ See Col. i. 19.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 99

The reason why People don't love Christ, is, because they don't know him.*

Mr HUTCHINGS, A. L. Su. M.

Apr. 13, 1777.

The enmity of the natural Heart of Man, is in nothing more discoverable, than in the antipathy it has to the Truths of the Gospel. †

The same.

The Christian is Travelling through a Wilderness over-run with Thorns and Briars, and he can hardly keep clear of 'em.

The same.

If we see a suitableness in Christ, it must be from divine Light.

The same.

‡ “The Tree of Life;” by “the Tree of Life” is meant Christ Jesus; for there is no Tree of Life but him.

The same.

“God be merciful to me a Sinner”—that's a Prayer, which, when it comes from a broken

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Heart,

* And the more we know of him, the more we shall love him.

† See more Remarks, respecting the enmity of the Heart, page 18.

‡ Rev. xxii. 2.

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Heart, never fails entering the Ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 13, 1777.

There is a holy art, and I wou'd wish you to learn it, and that is, to take all your Temporal Mercies out of the Hand of Christ.

The same.

All God's mercies begin from the Fountain-head, the Mercy-Seat, and flow on from everlasting to everlasting.

The same.

God has decreed, that a Sinner shall find no Happiness, but at the Mercy-Seat.

The same.

Sometimes the Purposes of God are a long time running under Ground, before they break out.

The same.

There are ten thousand avenues, that Mercy has to us.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 13, 1777.

There are some People, who hate others in such a manner, that they'd rather be beggar'd,

beggar'd, than ask a favour of them; so it is with us in a natural State; we are at enmity with God, and wou'd rather be * damn'd than ask Salvation at his Hands, 'till the Holy Spirit takes the enmity away, and puts the desire into our Hearts.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 13, 1777.

Whilst Believers are Humble and Thankful, they are Courageous. The same.

Ah, Sirs, if you have nothing else but this World to make you Happy, you are building on a Bubble which will soon break. The same.

No Man can ever know himself, but by the Light of God.

Mr DURANT, A. L. Su. M. *Apr. 20, 1777.*

† A Portion of Difficulties, is in the Christian Catalogue of Blessings.

The same.

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Believers

* This may sound very harsh, but it is certainly very true.

† See James. i. 2, 3.

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Believers are the same every where, Unbelievers are branch'd out into two kinds; * one is seeking a false Happiness, the † other is seeking a false Righteousness.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 20, 1777.

Our design is to beat People off every thing but Christ. The same.

What we are to know, to believe, and to do—that's the Law. The same.

What the Law demanded, Christ *did* for his People; what the Law threaten'd, he *suffer'd* for them. The same.

There is no Man who has come to Christ Jesus, that hates the Law; no, he loves whatsoever it commands. The same.

You must be divorc'd from the Law, to be married to Christ. The same.

We must go from Covenant to Covenant; from the Covenant of Works, to the Covenant of Grace. The same.

The

* The Worldling.

† The Pharisee.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 103

The more Spiritual a Man is, the more he discovers the workings of Sin.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 20, 1777.

Why is Sin left in you and me?—That we may lay up our hopes in Christ.

The same.

The Comforts of the Gospel belong only to us, as we suffer in the Cause of the Gospel.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 20, 1777.

Believers must expect Troubles, if they don't they'll be disappointed. The same.

Where's the Man that wou'd be contented with a Hog-stye, when he can have a Palace for nothing?—and who wou'd be contented with this Hog-stye World, when they may have the Palace of Heaven *gratis*?

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Apr. 20, 1777.*

May this ever be your Prayer and mine,
“ God bless me with a Heart above the
“ World.”

The same.

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God

God be prais'd for the Grace that fixes
us upon an Hereafter.

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Apr.* 20, 1777.

* “The Tree of Life,” Why the Tree
of Life?—because we are all Dead without
it. The same.

Where Christ comes, he comes with Life.
The same.

You complain of deadness of Soul—I
wish you Joy of your Complaint; Happy is
the Person who has such a Complaint, and
blessed be the Word of God, which informs
such a Person that Christ is the Tree of
Life, and Christ himself says to him, †Come
to me, that ye may have Life. The same.

Sinner, thou wantest but one Thing to
make a Saint of thee, and that is Christ;
and blessed be God, thou mayest have him.
The same.

God make us Christians, from the crown
of our Heads, to the sole of our Feet.

The same.
I verily

* See Mr *Hutchings'* Remark, page 99, beginning as this
does.

† By Implication, See *John* v. 40.

I verily believe, Angels wou'd almost wish to be Sinners, to taste of Jesus.

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *Apr. 20, 1777.*

Christ casts out none that come to him: I myself come to him; and I do as verily believe I shall be in Heaven, as that I am now in the Tabernacle-Pulpit. The same

As sure as there's a way to Hell, Sin's the way.* The same.

There is not a Blessing a Sinner wants, but it is in Christ Jesus.

Mr BUTTON, A.L.Su.M. *Apr. 27, 1777.*

Christ is the gift of the Father, and he is a Gift which sweetens all other Gifts.

The same.

What are Riches and Pleasures, however many or however great, without Christ Jesus? what's all the World can bestow, without a CHRIST. The same.

If you have an Interest in Christ, you can taste Covenant-Mercies in the bounties of Providence. The same.

If

* And may it not be added, "And as sure as there's a way to Heaven, Christ is the way?" See John xiv. 6.

If a Person had rebelled against the King, been guilty of high Treason, and had attempted to murder him: if his Majesty was to release such a one, to give him great Riches, to exalt him to Honour, and to set him with the Great of the Nation; how shou'd we be astonish'd and struck with amazement at the mercy of the King? and thus has the King of Heaven done to rebellious Sinners, who rose up against him to dethrone him; (for in every Sin we commit we are attempting to dethrone God) tho' under the Sentence of Death for their Rebellion, yet he has releas'd them, forgave them, given them the riches of his Grace, set them with Princes, even with the Princes of his People, and made them his Favourites—be amaz'd, O ye Heavens! and be astonish'd, O Earth, at the wonderful goodness of the King of Heaven!

Mr BUTTON, A.L.Su.M. *Apr: 27, 1777.*

God did not give a Servant, but a Son; not one of many Sons, but his only Son; and not a Son he did not care for, but he was the beloved Son.

The same.

Those

Those who know Christ, can't help loving him.

Mr BUTTON, A. L. S. M. *Apr. 27, 1777.*

There is in Man, not only an Ignorance of God, and the things of God, but a continual turning from him.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. S. M.

Apr. 27, 1777.

“Know thyself,” that is a great Lesson, and never learnt, 'till the Holy Spirit teach it us.

The same.

Sprinkle the Conscience afresh every day with the blood of Christ; this will not only deliver you from the *guilt* of Sin, but it will also deliver you from the *love* of Sin.

The same.

There is a change of Persons between Christ and the Believer: he takes their Nature, they take his; he takes their Sins, they take his Righteousness; he takes their Poverty, they take his Riches; he takes their Vileness and Meanness, and they take his Crown.

The same.

You'll

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You'll never be married to Christ, 'till
you are divorc'd from Self.

MR. ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 27, 1777.

When the Conscience is at peace with
God, through the blood of the Covenant,
Sin appears like the Devil; the Soul has got
another and a sweeter Lover. The same.

Christ conquers all *for* us, he conquers all
in us. The same.

Don't depend on * him merely for your
Salvation, but for the most trivial things in
Life; for Temporals as well as Spirituals.
The same.

Believer, your God has given you his
Christ, and his Promises, and in a day or
two longer, he'll give you his Heaven and
his Glory. The same.

The Bee goes to the Flower, the Swine
to the Mire; so it is with the People of God,
and the Wicked, their Inclinations are quite
the reverse of each other.

MR. FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 27, 1777.

Tho'

* Christ Jesus.

Tho' we cou'd not see the Objects in this Church, yet they wou'd still be the same as they are, so our Hearts are the same as God's Word represents them to be, whether we see them as such or not

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 27, 1777.

Then the Gospel has its proper effect, when it makes Objects appear to us what they really are. The same.

Before Grace comes, we love what we ought to hate, and hate what we ought to love; we receive what we ought to reject, and reject what we ought to receive. The same.

What will *you do when you come on a Death-bed? how will you meet a frowning God? how will you reflect on a wicked Life? and how will you behold a gaping Hell? whilst relentless Death is following the Soul through every cranny of Life. The same.

You wou'd be afraid to go to Islington by yourself at eleven o'Clock at Night; yet you

• Mr Foster is addressing the Ungodly.

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you wou'd go without any palpitation if a Company of arm'd Men went with you; so the Sinner, when he looks at himself, is afraid; but when he is enabled to view Christ, as his defence, he then advances without a fear.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 27, 1777.

The reason why we have so many spiritual Bankrupts, is, because those who are so, don't take out of Christ's fulness.

The same.

Whilst the Soul is enabled to look to Jesus, the Man fears nothing.*

The same.

The love of Christ is free; there is nothing in the Creature that excites it; if misery excited it, all Mankind wou'd experience it; if merit excited it, none wou'd; it is, therefore, neither the *merit* nor the *misery* of the Creature, that excites the love of Christ.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 4, 1777.

There's

* And he has nothing to fear.

GOSPEL MINISTER. III

There's no cause of Christ's love, but in himself; so that poor Sinner you need not be cast down on account of your vileness.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 4, 1777.

There's not one Affliction befalls his People, but God is by before, at, and after it, to turn it to good.

The same.

He's as careful for each of his People's Soul's, as if there was not another Soul in the World.

The same.

There's nothing so prevalent to take away Revenge, and enable us to bear with Injuries, as a sense of Christ's love to us.

The same.

A sense of the love of Christ, is more in keeping down the Corruptions, than the most reasonable Arguments.

The same.

The love of Christ is free, is distinguishing, is operative, is unsearchable, is eternal; it is a Sea without a shore, and without a bottom.

The same.

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I'm going to recommend a Servant to you To-night, he's a very good Man, * he'll keep your House clean, he's the best Servant you ever had, his Name is Mr *Godly-fear*.

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *May 4, 1777.*

I love to see People fearing, lest they shou'd offend God at the turning of a straw; tho' the Devil makes such People, at times, uneasy, yet it is the safest way—God grant us tender Consciences. The same.

There are some who are afraid of putting too much Butter on their Bread, because the Money that purchases it, might be spent to better purpose; tho' there is something of Legality in this, yet there is something in it very sweet. The same.

When I go down into the Country, and shake hands with Hedgers and Ditchers, their Hands are callous; and what makes 'em so? working much—and † there's nothing makes the Heart so callous, as working for the Devil. The same.

If

* See Neh. v. 15. Prov. xvi. 6. † See Heb. iii. 13.

If poor Sinners were not fearful of falling, they wou'dn't hold so fast by Christ; you may pull some People's hands off, before you can make them let go their hold, when they are in danger of falling from a great height—I pray God, the danger you are in may make you hold fast by Christ.

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *May 4, 1777.*

The Believer's Sins are interr'd in the Grave of Christ. The same.

Jesus shall have me—just as I am—in all my Rags—I'll bring out the bundle of my Debts, and tell him the worst, and I *shall* be accepted. The same.

I wou'd to God, that Ministers and People were both more in an Agony for the conversion of Souls. The same.

The Believer wants to live *to* God, as well as *with* God.

Mr HORNBLOW, A. L. Su. M. *May 11, 1777.*

They who come to God most sensible of their own vileness, are most acceptable to him. The same.

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Do you see Christ is the *only* Saviour, and do you come to him as such? If so, in his own Time (and that's the best) he'll manifest himself to you as *your* Saviour.

Mr HORNBLow, A. L. Su. M.
May 11, 1777.

*A Christian, and not a tried, a tempted, an afflicted Person—'tis an absurdity.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.
May 11, 1777.

Every Christian may, some way or other, be useful to the Cause of God, and to the People of God. The same.

God cannot be glorified, but in and through Christ Jesus. The same.

The Believer must contest every inch of Ground, 'till he arrives in his Father's Kingdom. The same.

As Sinners of all sorts are such on account of spiritual Ignorance, they are Objects of our pity, and ought to be Subjects of our Prayers.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.
May 11, 1777.

O!

• See Heb. xii. 8. Rev. vii. 24.

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O! if you are taught of God to see what a Sinner in his Sins, really is, you'll pity and pray for those who are such.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 11, 1777.

A Believer's meditation ought constantly to be on God; God in his Nature, God in his Word, and God in his Works; in his works of Nature, and in his works of Grace.

Mr STRAHAN, A. L. Su. M.

May 18, 1777.

Those who have studied God by the light of Nature, have gone the farthest from the Truth; for the greatest Philosophers have turn'd out the greatest Infidels.

The same.

How often has God appear'd in the Mount of Straits, as a wonder-working God!

The same.

The mediation on the Nature of God, as Almighty, is sweet to the Christian overwhelm'd with Difficulties and Distresses.

The same.

That

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That all's of Grace, how sweet is it!

Mr STRAHAN, A. L. Su. M.

May 18, 1777.

How sweet it is to look back on past Providences, and on past Deliverances; to meditate on God's Deliverances of his People in general, and of Ourselves in particular. The same.

Morality ever waits on Christ, it is one of his train.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 18, 1777.

There's nothing goes before Christ, he must introduce all the Graces. The same.

There is peace and good-will towards Men; you know Jacob's Ladder stood on the Earth, not in Hell; the Communication was between Heaven and Earth.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 18, 1777.

Gold, tho' it is an excellent Metal, is Earth, and taken out of Earth; so God's People are Worms of Earth, taken out of the

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the rubbish of the Fall, in which they laid buried.

Mr TOWERS, A. L. Su. M.

May 25, 1777.

Here, Christian, here's comfort for thee;
thy God from Eternity knew all thy Wants,
and prepared for them in the Covenant of
Grace.

The same.

Our God prepares Heaven for us, and
our God prepares us for Heaven, or we
shou'd never get there.

The same.

Talkest thou of mercy, Sinner? if thou
diest in thy Sins, there is no mercy for thee;
but if God has made thee willing to part
with them, there is mercy, abundant mercy
for thee.

The same.

Don't try to make thy Heart clean, this
is God's work: you must not wash yourself
before you come to the Fountain. The same.

Poor Sinner, thou must not think to
merit God's favour, or to atone for thy
Sins, these things are done already.

The same.

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If we were to pray more *for* Ministers,
we shou'd be blefs'd more *by* them.

Mr TOWERS, A. L. Su. M.

May 25, 1777.

When things come to the worst, then it
is God generally interposes.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 25, 1777.

When I hear a Person who has broke the
Laws of the Land rail'd at, and hear People
cry out, "O he's a vile Wretch, he de-
serves his Sentence;" for my part I can't
throw a Stone at him, but see that if God
was to leave me to myself, I shou'd com-
mit as foul Crimes, and a thousand times
worse.

The same.

This is the greatest Sin of all, that we
won't take the Remedy God holds forth.

The same.

Diffidence shou'd be banish'd when we
approach the Throne of Grace; our Lord
did not teach us to pray with any doubt on
our minds; but he says, "Goye, and Pray,
Our Father, which art in Heaven."

The same.

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We shou'd not judge of our State, as we
are in ourselves.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

May 25, 1777.

It is a great part of Wisdom, to know
God as far as he is reveal'd, and there to
stop.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

May 25, 1777.

When Sin is known, it will make a Man
tremble at the view of it. The same.

Sowing in Sin, is sowing to Misery.

The same.

Remember, afflicted and distress'd Believer,
that the same Hand which puts forth the
Rod of Affliction, gave up the beloved Son
for your Salvation. The same.

When Almighty Grace changes the Heart,
Jesus Christ possesses the Soul.

Mr TOWERS, B. C. Su. E. May 25, 1777.

All Learning and fine Abilities hurt a
Man before Conversion, but they do him a

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great deal of good, when they are laid at the Feet of Jesus: Paul's Learning did him a great deal of harm 'till his Conversion, and then it was a means of doing himself and the Church a great deal of good.

Mr TOWERS, B.C.Su.E. May 25, 1777.

Sin is a sweet Poison.

The same.

Alas, for thy Soul! if Death finds thee out of Christ; for thou wilt find "the Harvest is past, the Summer is ended," respecting thee—"and thou art not saved."

The same.

It was said, when any one did wrong, in the Presence of Cato, "Take care for Cato sees"—Take care, Sinner, for God sees; he is *totus Oculus*, all Eye.

The same.

There's no Happiness but in Christ; Solomon put his *probatum est* to this, and he tried every thing else.

The same.

Grace can do what nothing else can.

The same.

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* See Heb. iv. 13.

The Father is inaccessible but through Christ.

Mr ROMANE, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 1, 1777.

Worse and worse will be thy Condition continually, if thy Ear be shut, and thy Heart harden'd, against the sweet message of Grace.

The same.

There is not a bosom Sin you have, but Jesus can tear it from your breast; there's not a Fetter the World, the Flesh, or the Devil, can bind your Soul with, but he can break it as easily, as * Sampson broke the Ropes, with which the Philistines bound him; nay, he can give you a degree of that hatred to Sin, which he has himself.

The same.

Faith takes the Word of God for the rule of right and wrong.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

June 1, 1777.

How shall a Man stand in Temptation? Why, by laying hold of the strength of God,
and

* See Judges xiv. 15.

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and Faith is the hand by which we lay hold on God.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

June 1, 1777.

We can never rejoice in God through Christ Jesus, 'till we know we have an Interest in him.

Mr SCOTT, A.L.Su.M. June 8, 1777.

We must never measure the love of God by our Frames and Feelings, by our Standings and Fallings; but we shou'd judge of God, according to his unchanging Promises; a Child is still a Child, tho' he does now and then disobey his Father; and tho' a Man may disinherit his Son, yet it is not so with God, for those whom he loves, he loves to the End.

The same.

The Spirit is to the Soul, what Breath is to the Body; the Body, without Breath, is Dead; so the Soul, without the Spirit of God, is dead to God.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 8, 1777.

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In daily Conversation with poor Sinners, who are writing bitter things against themselves, I send them to the Word of God and the Work of Christ.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 8, 1777.

If you want to be assur'd that you belong to God, go to the Word of God; and if you want to draw comfort from the Word of God, take the Spirit of God.

The same.

A good old Writer us'd to observe, that every Believer has ten Children, namely, the ten Commandments; and as that Man is a cruel Man indeed, who does not love his Children; the Believer loves and pays a regard to every one of 'em.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

June 8, 1777.

The Ceremonial Law was the Jews' Gospel.

The same.

* "The Law worketh wrath," the wrath of God, from which we are directed to fly,

* Rom. iv. 15.

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fly, and from which the Gospel directs us where to fly.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

June 8, 1777.

* God is to be met in Christ, and no where else.

The same.

God will have his own Work done in his own way.

The same.

We have every thing in Christ, and nothing out of Christ.

The same.

—† Yes, my Friends, Jesus lives, and his Arm is as strong, his Love is as great, and his Fulness is as sufficient as ever.

The same.

Fear not, Believer; whatever you lose, you cannot lose your Saviour.

The same.

I really believe, God often sends spiritual Barrenness, to take away spiritual Pride.

The same.

We shall never look out of Ourselves, 'till we look into Ourselves, and see we are ruin'd.

The same.

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* See John xiv. 6.

† See Heb. xiii. 8.

The sword of Justice never struck a Soul
at the foot of the Cross.

Mr ASHBURNER, Tab. Su. E.

June 8, 1777.

We never dishonour God more, than by
doubting his Faithfulness, and distrusting his
Power.

Mr HAWEIS, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 15, 1777.

The *will be* with God, is as sure as the
past. The same.

All that Earth can give, is only Misery in
a varied form.

Mr HAWEIS, B. F. C. Su. A.

June 15, 1777.

What are all those who are running after
Diversions and Pleasures? Why, they are
Souls seeking rest—they are seeking rest, and
God knows they find none; and why? Because
none is to be found, but in the pardoning
Love and conscious Favour of a reconcil'd
God. The same.

Our Life is but a Moment, and To-
morrow we Die. The same.

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The real and sincere Believer thus questions himself, "It is no matter what the World think of me; how stand I in the sight of God?"

Mr EADE, A.L.Su.M. *June 22, 1777.*

Good desires don't grow in Nature's Garden. The same.

If Sin is your Burthen, it shall not be your Destruction. The same.

I'm afraid we are not diligent enough in extirpating those God will have extirpated; God reprehended the Children of Israel for not destroying those whom he had commanded them to destroy. The same.

We are apt when we look at Troubles to be terrified, but we don't know how big they are with Blessings.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.
June 22, 1777.

There never cou'd have been a way to the Father, if Christ Jesus had not taken flesh, and become the way. The same.

A Christless Man has no way to go to Heaven, and there is no way for Blessings to come from Heaven to him.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 22, 1777.

Christ is the Ladder, and Believers get up step by step, 'till they get into Glory.

The same.

God will never leave the Believer, 'till he has accomplish'd what he has *promis'd* concerning him; and God will never leave the Sinner, 'till he has accomplish'd what he has *threaten'd* concerning him.

The same.

There's no way to look up to Heaven, but through Christ; and there's no way for Mercy to come down from Heaven, but through Christ.

The same.

In trusting the Word of God, you shall have daily experience, that what God has said is true.

The same.

Do you wait on God for the fulfilling his Promise, in his own Time and Way?—there's the proper work of Faith.

The same.

You'll

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You'll find every day you live, that the more you trust God, the more reason you'll have to bless and praise him.

Mr. ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

June 22, 1777.

The Believer puts all his Concerns, his Family, his Friends, and his Business, into the hands of his Heavenly Father, to receive them back again, with Covenant-Blessings on 'em.

The same.

The Man who makes most use of Christ, will be most thankful.

The same.

It is Heaven brought down to Earth, when a Man is enabled to triumph in a crucified Saviour.

Mr. FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

June 22, 1777.

If you want to read the Bible to your Soul's prosperity and benefit, you must look up to God the Spirit, for his influence, and for a continual supply of the same, the Apostle says, * "If any Man want wisdom, let him ask it of God;" and we want spiri-

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* James i. 5.

tual Wisdom, every time we take the Bible in our hands.

Mr DURANT, A. L. Su. M.

June 29, 1777.

He that finds Christ, finds every thing he can want. The same.

The Believer has as much right to Covenant-Blessings, as a Man has to any thing left him by a Will.*

Mr HUTCHINGS, A.L.Su.M. *July 6, 1777.*

Divine Wisdom has fix'd every individual Christian in the Station that is the best for him; if God saw that he wou'd be better in any other Situation, he wou'd place him in it, for he is not wanting in Power to do it.

The same.

Every Man has his peculiar Temptations, and we are apt to think, that our own Temptations are greater than any others;

* For indeed, "Covenant-Blessings" are Legacies left the Believer, in the last Will and Testament of his elder Brother, Jesus.

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but if we knew the Temptations of our fellow-Christians, we shou'dn't think so long.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

July 6, 1777.

If we wou'd wish the Word of God to become profitable to us, we shou'd take it home to Ourselves.

The same.

I must acknowledge, for my own part, take away the Gospel, and the Consolations thereof, and I cannot see any thing worth living for.

The same.

The Trials, Temptations, and Difficulties of the Believer, make the Scriptures more precious, make Ordinances more sweet, and make Death more desirable.

The same.

The Peace of the Wicked, is like the Peace of the Prisoner, who dreams he is at Liberty, but when he awakes, he finds himself in Prison, and remembers that Sentence of Death has been past on him.

The same.

Christ is the Water of Life—if any Man puts any thing into this Water, he spoils it.

Mr DURANT, A. L. Su. M. July 13, 1777.

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Keeping close to Christ quickens all the Graces.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

July 20, 1777.

God will try the Love of his People.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

July 27, 1777.

The Devil is continually charging Believers with being Hypocrites, as he did Job; and then God will try them as he did him.

The same.

There is more in Sin than we are aware of.

Mr HORNBLOW, A.L.Su.M. *Aug. 3, 1777.*

The more you know Christ, the more you'll long to see him.

The same.

The Happiness of Man consists in Communion with God.*

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 3, 1777.

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* And our Happiness is in proportion to our Communion; how much then is it the Privilege of Believers, to live dependant on the Grace of God to subdue, and keep subdued, every thing that interrupts and hinders Communion with him?

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It is the design of the Gospel, to renew Communion with God, from which Man fell.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 3, 1777.

The Devil has but one Temptation to the natural World, namely, trying all he can to keep them from Christ; and but one to the spiritual World, which is, trying all he can to keep them from looking to Christ, and living simply on him. The same.

Man, by Nature, is as absolutely lost, as any now in Hell; but, standing in Christ, he is as absolutely sav'd as any now in Heaven. The same.

There's none can pay your Debts, but Christ; there's none can justify your Persons, but Christ; there's none can sanctify your Souls, but Christ; and there's none can give you Heaven, but Christ. The same.

The Self-righteous are spinning a Web of their Righteousness out of their own Bowels,

* It is therefore the design of the Gospel to make Men happy. See the last Remark.

Bowels, which will prove a Spider's-web at last.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 3, 1777.

Give Christ your Heart and Hand every day anew. The same.

Whatever is to the Believer's good and to God's glory, Christ is more ready to give it, than the Believer to ask it. The same.

Death will not break the Bond which unites you to Christ—he does all others.

The same.

To be subject to Christ is no Bondage—nay, there's no other Liberty. The same.

What do we go to the * Table for, but to acknowledge that we can't live without Meat and Drink, and that Jesus Christ is the Meat and Drink of our Souls?

The same.

† All is Shadow—Jesus Christ is the only Substance. The same.

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* i. e. To the Sacrament.

† See Eccl. i. 2.

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When a Soldier is taken by the Enemy, he is not to be call'd a Rebel, and when he is so taken, he takes the first opportunity to escape, and lift again under his lawful Sovereign: so it is in a Spiritual sence; a Believer who is overcome and taken Captive by the Devil, is nevertheless no Rebel, and he takes (for that is the nature of Grace) the first opportunity to escape to his King and Captain.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A:

Aug. 3, 1777.

We here dwell in infected Air, and carry about with us an infected Body.

The same.

The Ungodly want to see, and then believe; but God's People believe, and then see.

Mr WATTS, C.S.Su.E. *Aug. 3, 1777.*

Nobody will trust God, but those who know him.*

The same.

Unless you and I know Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life, and as the Water of Life, our Souls are in a starving condition.

The same.

Death

* And those who know him most, will trust him most.

Death to a Believer is the Day-break of
Eternal brightness.

Mr WATTS, C.S.Su.E. Aug. 3, 1777.

Reason is a very good Servant, but is not
is be borne with when it attempts to be
Master. The same.

We cannot with our natural Eyes see
a great distance off, yet they are very useful
to us in the concerns of Life; so Reason is
the Eye of the Mind, and is useful, very use-
ful in its place, to enable us to manage our
Business and temporal Affairs; and as we
wou'dn't throw away our Eyes, because we
cannot discover Objects at a great distance
with them, no more shou'd we cast away our
Reason, because it cannot discover Objects
beyond its latitude. The same.

—As Mr *Whitefield* us'd to say to that
Objection of the Arminians, "Why do you
" preach to * dead People?"—"Because
" God commands me," replied he, "and
K 4 " if

* q. d. "To those, whom you say are *dead* in Trespases
" and Sins,"

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“ if God was to command me to preach to
“ the dead Corps in the Church-yard, I
“ wou’d” —and why not, as well as
* Ezekiel to the dry Bones?

MR WATTS, C.S.Su.E. *Aug. 3, 1777.*

If the King gave the Prince of Wales
for the Life of one of his Subjects, do you
think he wou’dn’t give him Six-pence?
“ Yes, surely,” say you; so, to whom God
gives his Son, † as the Apostle reasons, will
he not with him also freely give them ‡ all
things? The same.

It’s remarkable how the Word outwardly
and the Work inwardly coincides.

The same.

We ought to come to the Sermon from
our Knees, and then go from the Sermon to
our Knees again. The same.

God keeps his People wanting, that they
may be kept begging. The same.

We

* See Ezek. xxxvii.

† See Rom. viii. 32.

‡ i. e. All things that will be for his glory and their
good.

We do not plead that we are not Sinners, but our Plea is, that there is a Propitiation for Sinners.

Mr STRAHAN, A.L.Su.M Aug. 10, 1777.

God invites us to reason with him, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord," *Isa. i. 18.* Now one Argument for us to reason on is, The Love of God; another Argument is, the Son of God; another is, the Covenant of God; another is, the Word of God; and every Perfection of God is an Argument for the poor convinc'd Sinner to reason with God upon.

The same.

Tho' God don't love Sinners as Sinners, yet he can love the vilest Sinner out of Hell, in Christ Jesus the Son of his Love.

The same.

In our Argument with God on Jesus Christ, we shou'd plead his Person, his Blood, his Righteousness, all he has said, all he has done, and all he is; all he is to God, and all he is to us.

The same.

The reason why every Perfection of God is an Argument for a poor Sinner to reason with

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with God on, is, because every one of his Perfections are engag'd to fulfil his Word.

Mr STRAHAN, A.L.Su.M. *Aug. 10, 1777.*

God wou'd undeify himself, if he was to deny the request of a poor Sinner coming to him, trusting in the Atonement of his Son.

The same.

There's nothing can make a Sinner who is as red as Crimson, white, but the blood of Jesus: you may wash you with Nitre, and take much Soap; you may make use of whatever means you please, without the blood of Jesus you'll remain as black as Hell.

The same.

The Presence of God is the Life and Soul of Ordinances.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 10, 1777.

When God puts Faith into the Fire, it is not to consume it, but to prove it and improve it.

The same.

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* For without it, they are nothing but dead Form.

All God's People's Trials, are trials of their Faith.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 10, 1777.

We go from strength to strength ; Abraham's ten Trials were greater and greater—
if God gives much Grace, he'll have much glory for it.

The same.

God gives his People Distresses, that he may show them what Comforts he has to support them with.

The same.

A Cross is your portion, if a Crown is your reward.

The same.

Faith is the Mother-Grace.* The same.

How is your Faith in God's Promises, in Trials, Troubles, and Tribulations? Anybody can pilot the Ship in a Calm, but the Sailor and the Pilot are prov'd in a Storm ; the Soldier in the Fight, the Physician in a time of Sicknes—and the Believer in the time of Trouble.

The same.

He that gave Faith must keep it, and he who gave it will try it.

The same.

Where

* And Unbelief is the Mother-Sin.

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Where Christ is, no Cross can hurt; but improvement and blessedness cleave to the Cross, where the Person under the Cross cleaves to the Lord.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 10, 1777.

God takes away from his People outward, that he might bring in inward Comforts.

The same.

Generally when there is something outward very distressing, or something inward very trying, God affords his Comforts to his People; they then want them most.

The same.

The good Bee goes abroad for Honey—and the good Believer goes to Christ for what he wants.*

The same.

The Christian is not a Bird that can sing in Spring, when all other Birds can; but he can sing in the Winter too, he can sing all the Year round.

The same.

O what of all our Sufferings, when the Glory to be reveal'd is put into the opposite Scale!

The same.

Trust

* And is never sent empty away.

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Trust thy Soul in the Hands of Christ,
and he'll exert all his Perfections to save
thee.

Mr TOWERS, A.L. Su. M. *Aug. 17, 1777.*

Christ is cloth'd with Majesty, but the
Garment he most delights in, is his * "Ves-
ture dipt in Blood." The same.

Where there is Love to Christ in the
Heart, there will be Morality in the Life.

The same.

—As one was address'd, "Never fear, for
Cæsar's thy Friend;" so never fear, Be-
liever, for Christ's thy Friend. † The same.

A Saviour ‡ of thy own making, Sinner,
will let thee perish after all. The same.

Christ stands at the right-hand of his
Father praying for his People, 'till he has
prayed them all into Heaven. The same.

We shou'd plead for Pardon, on the foot-
ing of § Mercy.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 17, 1777.

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* See Rev. xix. 13.

† And he is "a Friend that sticketh closer than a
"Brother."

‡ i. e. Thy own Righteousness. § Of Covenant-Mercy.

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All the Blessings the Believer receives, flow through the Channel of the everlasting Covenant.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 17, 1777.

A Promise will make the Believer happier than the whole World cou'd; a Promise in Poverty, is better than Riches without one; a Promise in Trials, Troubles, Distresses, and Afflictions, is better than Prosperity without one. The same.

God often keeps Joys from his People, that they may not look so much at the Streams, and that they may look more at the Fountain-head. The same.

Revenging Ourselves is taking the Government out of God's Hand, who has perfect Knowledge of what is going forward; "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." See *Rom. xii. 19.*

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Aug. 17, 1777.

It was said of one of the Martyrs, that he often complain'd what a great *Sinner* he was

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was; but was never heard to complain what a great *Sufferer* he was.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Aug. 24, 1777.

If we cou'd see as God sees, we shou'd do
as God does.

The same.

How sweet is it to the Believer to reflect
“ A Covenant-God—and this Covenant-God
“ mine; a Heaven—and this Heaven mine; a
“ Crown of Glory—and this Crown of
“ Glory mine.”

The same.

The Word of God is the rule of a Christian's Faith and Practice.

Mr GROVE, Tab. Su. E. *Aug 24, 1777.*

ALL need the Saviour.

The same.

Man, by Nature, is without power to help himself, and without wish or will to be help'd.

The same.

Believers have the Grace of Christ implanted in 'em, the Spirit of Christ imparted to 'em, and the Image of Christ instamp'd upon 'em.

The same.

O be-

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O beware of glorying in what you have or are.*

Mr GROVE, Tab.Su.E. *Aug. 24, 1777.*

No Happiness can be found but in God, and none in God but as reconcil'd in Christ.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Aug. 31, 1777.

The Curse must be taken off your Person, before it is taken off your Joys.

The same.

The Consolation of the Gospel increases, as the Knowledge of, and Faith in, the Truths thereof increase.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Aug. 31, 1777.

They who think little about Christ Jesus, generally think little about the Day of Judgment; and they who think much about Christ Jesus, think much about the Day of Judgment.

Mr BOOTH, A.L.Su.M. *Sept. 7, 1777.*

Pride

* q.d. "In what you have or are in Yourselfes"—"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord," 2 Cor. x. 17.

Pride was the first Sin; it crept into Heaven, and made the Angels of the Presence, Devils; it got into Paradise, and was the Sin of our first Parents; and it creeps into the Church, and withers the Graces, and hinders the usefulness of its Members.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Sept. 7, 1777.

In the work of Creation, and in the work of the new Creation, there is no motion 'till the Spirit of God moves; if you can't find this in your own Heart, or in the World, it is worth observing how this Truth runs through the Bible.

The same.

Pride robs God of the glory of his Gifts.

The same.

O it is the very spirit of a true Christian, when a Man is stript of Self, and wants to exalt Jesus!

The same.

The true Believer casts all his Duties, Graces, and Gifts, behind his back.

The same.

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I have ever found, that Example, when it accompanies Precept, gives it a double edge.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 7, 1777.

Pride is the great Mother-Sin, that nourishes both sensual and spiritual Sin.

The same.

There are three Remedies to * this deadly Disease; the first is, knowing Ourselves; the second, knowing Christ; and the third is, such Knowledge brought into practice.

The same.

The Believer is united to Christ Jesus, as much as the Soul is to the Body.

The same.

The more a Believer grows out of Himself, he grows into Christ; the more he hates Himself, he loves Christ; and the more he distrusts Himself, he trusts Christ; as one Scale rises the other falls.

The same.

Nothing but Christ and his Righteousness, can enrich us before God. The same.

When

* Pride.

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When you want any good, are your Eyes
to Christ Jesus?

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 7, 1777.

The more the Believer lives on Christ,
the more is God glorified. The same.

Fallen Creatures, miserable Creatures,
helpless Creatures, and yet proud!

— The same.

If you are never humbled, you will never
be exalted. The same.

—“No,” say you, “I don’t want to go to
“Hell”—but you go the way to it, you
reject Christ. The same.

The humblest Man experiences the most
of Heaven upon Earth. The same.

Is it your Prayer every day, “Lord, keep
“down Self, and exalt Christ To-day more
“than ever?” The same.

The real Christian hides all his Graces
under a Cover, he throws a Veil over them,
and but rarely reveals them; and when he

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does, he prays that God wou'd keep him humble, and that it may be to his glory.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 7, 1777.

O avoid every thing that feeds, that nourishes Pride! The same.

The People of God are apt to think their Sins too many to be pardon'd, too great to be forgiven—"Can *my* Sins be pardon'd, "Sins of twenty—thirty—forty—fifty— "seventy Years—how many!—how great! "can they be pardon'd?"—then in comes the Devil, and says—No—and our wicked Heart is ready to believe it.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.

Sept. 7, 1777.

If you truly hate Sin, you hate it wherever you see it; you hate it in the Minister, you hate it in the People, you hate it in an Enemy, you hate it in a Friend, you hate it in a King, you hate it in a Beggar, you hate it in a Nation, you hate it in a Church, you hate it in a Family, you hate it in an Individual, you hate it in others, you hate it in yourself. The same.

If

If God has given you to mourn for Sin, you *will* hold up your Hand against it, and you will reprove, admonish, and pray for those who commit it, and if they resist the two former, you will still persist in the latter; if they resist Reproof and Admonition, you will still persist in Prayer.

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.
Sept. 7, 1777.

I know in Reproving and Admonishing for Sin, the Flesh will cry out, "What will Man say?" but a sanctified Conscience will cry, "What will *God* say?"

The same.

We need great Wisdom in reproving Sin.

The same.

If thou art distress'd, is thy distress on account of Sin? if it is, if there is a Text of Comfort in the Bible it is for you.

The same.

When Sinners are secure in their Sins, the Devil tells them that God is a God all mercy; but when they begin to be alarm'd

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for their Souls, he tells them that God is a God of no mercy.*

Mr (MATT.) WILKS, Tab. Su. E.
Sept. 7, 1777.

God's People are an experienc'd People; for a Christian without Experience, is like a Shadow without a Substance.

Mr WEST, A.L.Su.M. *Sept. 21, 1777.*

There are no cros Providences in the Book of God; all his Providences work to the fuifilling his Promises. The same.

Salvation itself can't offend any Man that has a rational sense he is a Sinner; but what the carnal Mind is offended at, is the way of Salvation, namely, Salvation by Christ alone.

Mr HUTCHINS, A.L.Su.M. *Sept. 27, 1777.*

By the commiffion of Sin we contract fresh Guilt upon our Consciences, and then we stand in need of a fresh manifestation of Pardoning-Mercy.

The same.

Believers

* Both of which assertions are unscriptural and untrue.

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Believers see God where others do not.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. A.

Sept. 27, 1777,

Perhaps thou mayest see thyself as the vilest Sinner existing, and wonder that God's Justice does not overtake thee for thy Sins; poor Creature, thou dost not see a thousandth part of thy vileness, thou wilt live only to see more of it continually; and if thou livest ten Years longer in the School of Christ, thou wilt see thyself ten times viler than thou dost now.

Mr DURANT, A. L. Su. M. Oct. 5, 1777.

If thou wantest a loving Heart, Jesus has one; and if thou wantest a powerful Hand, Jesus has one.

The same.

God prepares his People for Mercies by Afflictions, that when the Mercy is sent, the Soul may receive it humbly.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 12, 1777.

What is not God's Grace able to make a Sinner do?

The same.

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God

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God wants to have you more holy, consequently more happy.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 12, 1777.

The Christian finds Self creeping into every thing he does.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. A.

Oct. 12, 1777.

The way to be safe, is to pray to God to keep on our Minds a fresh sense of our own inability. The same.

It is an old Puritan saying, (and a very just Observation it is) that “ Declension “ begins at the Closet-door.” The same.

It’s a trick of Satan, after he has entangled the Soul, to try to keep us from the Throne of Grace; he says, “ Don’t go just now, “ stay ’till To-morrow, you will then be “ more fit than you are at present:” and we are very apt to believe his reasonings, and before To-morrow we fall afresh, and are then less inclin’d than before. The same.

Always

Always suspect you are in danger.

Mr NEWTON, B. F. C. Su. A.

Oct. 12, 1777.

Healthful People will try to avoid those who are infected with the Plague, tho' they be their dearest Friends; so shou'd the Christian act in a spiritual sense.

The same.

It is worth while now and then to stop and consider—I hear the Gospel, do I understand it? I understand it, do I believe it? I believe it, do I enjoy it? have I it in Title and in Possession?

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 19, 1777.

The Gospel does not say a hard word to any one coming to Christ, but it speaks encouragement on encouragement to such.

The same.

The Riches, Pleasures, and Honours of the Worldling, only pave a smoother way to Hell.

The same.

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I can witness, among many others, that Christ never took away an outward Blessing, but he gave a spiritual one instead of it.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 19, 1777.

Christ is every thing that can give you a Moment's happiness, and save you from a Moment's pain. The same.

Carnal Men have carnal views of Scripture.

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. *Oct.* 19, 1777.

An Union taking place between Christ and the Soul, a Communion will consequently subsist. The same.

Peter sometimes stood in his own strength, and as often as he did so, he fell.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Oct. 26, 1777.

O what are the best of us when God leaves us to Ourselves! The same.

Faith having stood the test, you will have more fellowship with God.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 2, 1777.

God

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God generally puts Faith to the Trial,
in a way very disagreeable to flesh and
blood.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 2, 1777.

If God gives Faith, he tries it over and
over, as he did Abraham's. The same.

The love of Christ is the most constrain-
ing obligation in the World; O what
cannot it influence a Man to do!

The same.

It is the glory of the Gospel that it's
free.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 9, 1777.

If Christ had left any thing for us to do,
even to the moving of a Hand, we shou'd
be lost for ever. The same.

The Believer goes every day to his Com-
mander for Orders, with " Lord, make me
" a good Soldier to day." The same.

If

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If you have come to Christ, I'm sure your Hearts hate Sin.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 9, 1777.

There's no way to get the Conscience at peace, there's no way to get the heart sanctified, there's no way to get over the least Sin, but as we go to Jesus. The same.

Christ is willing to save every one who is willing to be sav'd.

Mr (MARK) WILKS, C. S. Su. A.

Nov. 9, 1777.

Christ is the Saviour of all that will be sav'd. The same.

* All Christ does, he does for nothing.

The same.

"Lord, save or I perish," must be the Language of every one who finds favour with God. The same.

Those who are sav'd from Sin, experience a little Heaven below. The same.

You

* See Rev. xxi. 6.

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* You don't know what you lose by living in Sin.

Mr (MARK) WILKS, C. S. Su. A.

Nov. 9, 1777.

If it were possible for me not to be guilty of any Sin from this Moment, either in Thought, Word or Deed, and to be holy as God himself, yet I shou'd be lost for ever, for my past Sins wou'd condemn me.

The same.

When Sin separated from God, it left the Soul as dead as a Stone.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 16, 1777.

The Law of God consists of two parts ; First, of Precepts enjoin'd; Secondly, of Penalties threaten'd : it is his revealed will, requiring what you and I ought to do, and not doing it, what we ought to suffer : now the Believer flies to Christ to answer the Penalties of the Law for him, and to fulfil the Precepts of the Law for him. The same.

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* See Psalm lxxxi, 11, &c.

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The Sinner, casting himself on the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, is as safe as any now in Heaven.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
Nov. 16, 1777.

The greatest act of Obedience, is to take Christ Jesus. The same.

The longer you stay away from Christ, the worse you'll be. The same.

With regard to the Conditions of the Covenant respecting poor Sinners, there is no Condition for them to perform.

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. Nov. 16, 1777.

The Promises of the Covenant are unconditional. The same.

Faith is an Eye to look to Christ, Feet to walk to him, and a Hand to lay hold on him. The same.

Your Wife, Children, Servants, and Concerns, shall be Blessings to you, only as you look to, and live near a Covenant-God. The same.

If

If you are not under the Covenant of Works, but through mercy under the Covenant of Grace, Sin shall not have dominion over you, and for that very reason; for the Scripture says, * “ Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace.”

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. *Nov.* 16, 1777.

We have a natural Life from Adam, and a spiritual Life from Christ, both in the same Man; and the old Man will strive, he creeps into all our Prayers, into all our Praises, into all our Duties, and into all we say and do: I’m sure I have found enough of it since I came into Church to damn all the World, but yet the Spirit is Almighty to keep down the Flesh.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 23, 1777.

I carry about with me a † Burthen intolerable which I cou’d not support under, did not he who sustains Heaven and Earth uphold me.

The same,

Christ

* Rom. vi. 14.

† Viz. a corrupt Heart.

Christ is "the Resurrection and the Life" of every Believer.

MR. ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.
Nov. 23, 1777.

Christ, by his Spirit, is crucifying us daily to this Body of Sin, that we may be the readier to part with it. The same.

Eternal Life in Heaven is not something distinct from Christ. The same.

There's more Sin in doubting God's Promises than you are aware of.

MR. DURANT, C.S.Su.A. Nov. 23, 1777.

We not only wander, but by Nature delight to wander from every thing that is good. The same.

Whatever you want to benefit you here or hereafter, you must go to God for as a gift. The same.

No Man of himself can acquire a knowledge of himself. The same.

It
* For "Know thyself," the great philosophic Lesson is learnt only in the School of Christ, and taught only by the Spirit of God.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 161

It was agreed by all the Apostles, that the Ceremonial Law ended when Christ said, "It is finished."

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 30, 1777.

If you are not living dependant on Christ Jesus, there's not a Sin into which any one can fall, but the greatest Saint among you may fall into it.

The same.

Whatever Christ has commanded his People to do, he has promis'd them Grace to enable them to do.*

The same.

The more the Gospel is believ'd, the more God appears lovely, and Sin hateful. †

The same.

You'll never love God 'till you see him in Christ reconcil'd to you. ‡

The same.

Strong Faith will make a strong Christian, and strong Faith is trusting God's Word much.

The same.

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Go

* And we shall never be able to obey the Command enjoined, without we partake of the Grace promised.

† "Lord, increase our Faith" then.

‡ Because nothing but a sense of Love from God to us, can kindle in our Hearts a flame of Love from us to God.

Go to Christ, and you'll never come empty-handed away.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Nov. 30, 1777.

Strong Faith makes the Believer exclaim,
 " O what marvellous Grace ! I feel it
 " warm my Heart—here I am, take me,
 " Jesus, as I am, and do what thou wilt
 " with me." The same.

Love to Christ will crucify the Body of Sin. The same.

" All that God bestows on me," says the Believer, " is bestow'd freely; it is freely
 " given to the Unworthy, and most freely
 " continued to the Unthankful."

The same.

* " Whether you Eat or Drink, or
 " whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of
 " God"—and as far as Love works, you'll
 be able to seek it, and as far as Grace works,
 you'll be able to do it. The same.

The Believer is a Fool by Nature, and when God gives him to see what he is by Nature, he is a Fool in his own esteem.

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. *Nov.* 30, 1777.

Believers

* 1 Cor. x. 31.

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Believers are ransom'd from Sin in the curse of it, in the power of it, in the guilt of it, and in the love of it.

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. *Nov. 30, 1777.*

O who is so happy as the fav'd Sinner! *

Mr WEST, C.S.Su.A. *Dec. 7, 1777.*

The more Faith, the more dead to Sin.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 14, 1777.

Are you constant receivers out of Christ?
Are you continually receiving fresh succour
and fresh supplies out of his fulness?

The same.

“What makes one Christian greater than
“another?” Why, because he is humbled
more in his own Eyes, and strives to glorify
his God more, and so he has more Grace,
for “He giveth more Grace to the lowly.”

The same.

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Whatever

* Who indeed!—“a fav'd Sinner,” living as such, is the
happiest Man under the Sun.

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Whatever God can possibly require,
whatever Man can possibly want, it is in
Christ.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. * Th. M.

Dec. 25, 1777.

Christ became one of us, that we might
become one with God. The same.

The more Faith in God, the more Love
to him; and the more you love God, the
more you'll desire to be like him.

The same.

God is Love itself in Christ Jesus; his
very essence in Christ is Love.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 28, 1777.

Notwithstanding God has his Rod in his
Hand chastizing the Believer, there's no-
thing but the tenderest Mercy and the most
infinite Love in his Heart towards him.†

The same.

God

* Christmas-day.

† O for Faith to believe this blessed Truth, under "the
"chastening of the Lord!" and if we are enabled to believe
it, O for more Faith to believe it more!

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 165

God has but one end in all his dealings with his People, that is, to make them trust him more, and love him better.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Dec. 28, 1777.

It's the Believer's Duty to rejoice in the Lord always, as much as it is to keep the ten Commandments.* The same.

When the Heart is inflam'd with love to God, † no Commands are grievous then.

The same.

Suppose the Law of God put into one Scale, and my Obedience into the other, if my Obedience weighs ‡ even with the

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Law

* This is a very necessary Observation, and it is to be lamented that Believers in general do not bring it more into practice; for he who said, "Thou shalt not" do so and so, (See *Exod. xx. 3.*) commanded Believers to "Rejoice in the Lord," (*Psaln xxxiii. 1. xcvii. 12. Joel ii. 23. Phil. iii. 1. iv. 4.*) the latter is an Injunction equally with the former; it was made by the same God, and it comes with the same Authority—God grant we may see our Privilege, and live up to it.

† i. e. None of God's Commands.

‡ Surely then the Scripture-testimony is just, "There is none righteous, no not one," (*Rom. iii. 10.*)—No, there no Obedience but the Obedience unto Death of Christ Jesus, which can weigh even with the Law.

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Law, I'm a righteous Man—Now that's the Scripture idea of Righteousness.

MR ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Dec. 30, 1777.

Believers are grafted on Christ, and as they depend on the Stock on which they are grafted, they become fruitful Branches.*

The same.

He that comes to Ordinances best, comes feeling his Wants most.

The same.

I wou'd never take up the Bible without a short Ejaculation.†

The same.

The Believer attends Ordinances, that he may know more of Christ, receive more from him, and depend more upon him.

The same.

The Language of God is, "Wait on
" † these Means in which I communicate
" supplies,

* May the Lord the Spirit then make us, and keep us, more dependant on "the Stock on which we are grafted," that we may bring forth more Fruit, to the glory of the Name of a Covenant-God.

† An excellent method—God grant us grace to make it ours.

‡ On Means of Grace.

“ supplies, and I will send them fresh and
“ fresh into your Soul.”

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Dec. 30, 1777.

* People that Pray none at all, Praise
none at all, and † if you Pray much, I'm
sure you'll Praise much. The same.

The Day you depend most on Christ, is
the happiest Day in your Life. The same.

That's a Christian, who can get some-
thing for Prayer and Praise out of every
thing. ‡ The same.

There's nothing withholds spiritual Bless-
ings like Unthankfulness. The same.

O may we each day hunger and thirst
more after dependance on, and devotedness
to Jesus. The same.

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We

* Because such People think they have nothing to praise
God for.

† For he that Prays much receives much, and therefore
he has much to praise God for ; and as a sense of the Wants
he has induces him to pray, so a sense of the Mercies he re-
ceives induces him to praise.

‡ This Remark has been abundantly blest to me, and I
would particularly recommend to my Fellow-Believers, to put
it into practice—may the Grace of God incline and enable
them so to do.

We by Nature don't know God, we by Nature don't trust God, we by Nature don't fear God, we by Nature don't love God, and we by Nature don't serve God.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 4, 1778.

There cannot be a greater Miracle, nor a greater exertion of Almighty Power, than in the Salvation of a Sinner. The same.

The end of Hearing ought to be, that we may be brought to trust God more firmly, and love God more heartily. The same.

The more Faith, the more Grace, and the stronger in † believing, the stronger Christian you'll be. The same.

Regeneration is a new Creation, as much as if a Brute was made a Man, as much as if a Brute was made an Angel. The same.

We shou'dn't be contented with our old Stock, but shou'd be pressing forward to fresh Grace, fresh Strength, be pressing forward,

* If such is our Character by Nature, how dreadful by Nature our State must be!

† i. e. In believing the Word of God.

ward, that our Understandings may be more enlighten'd, and our Hearts more enliven'd.*

(Unknown,) B. F. C. Tu. M.

Jan. 6, 1778.

If we grow in the knowledge, we shall grow in the love of Christ.† The same.

I know no better instance of high Spirituality than deep Humility.

Mr PENTYCROSS, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 11, 1778.

Is the greatest burthen of your Life, Sin?‡

The same.

Give Sin no Quarter.

The same.

Have you a Principle that aspires after Christ as your supreme Happiness?

The same.

The World have Corruptions like the Believer, but they have not a Principle of Regeneration to oppose 'em.

The same.

When

* For the Language of God to his People is, "Go forward."

† Because, the more we know of him, the more we shall love him.

‡ Compare this Remark with Mr Eade's, p. 126, beginning, "If Sin is your Burthen."

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When Sin gets into the Conscience it fills it with Terror, and writes Damnation there.*

Mr PENTYCROSS, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 11, 1778.

Viewing your Salvation as perfectly complete, cleanses your Duties from the filth of Legality, which so much adheres to them.

The same.

Our Life here is a Warfare, and the great Enemy is SELF.†

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 18, 1778.

The highest Man in the spiritual Life is the lowest.‡

The same.

My Hand cut off from my Body, what can it do?—and a Sinner off of Christ, what can he do?§

The same.

The

* And the way to have it blotted out, is by applying to the Blood of sprinkling.

† An Enemy unconquerable but by Almighty Grace; none can overcome it, but those who are armed with the Panoply of God.

‡ i. e. He who is the highest in God's esteem, is the lowest in his own.

§ Nothing, for both are Dead, the one naturally, the other spiritually.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 171

The Believer is made sensible that he is a wretched, ruin'd Sinner, and so he lives upon Grace every Moment.

MR ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 18, 1778.

Do you grow in Grace? then you'll think less and less of Yourself.* The same.

† “What hast thou that thou didst not receive?” and if you are but a receiver, what have you to boast of, but the bounty of your Bestower? The same.

What makes Christ more precious to the Believer To-day than he was Yesterday? Why, because he sees he wants him more. The same.

People are continually complaining to me of something in themselves; Why, every thing you find in yourself shou'd send you to Christ. The same.

When you are not discouraged but encouraged to come to Christ, that's the end of Corruptions. The same.

When

* For it is the property of Grace to Humble. † 1 Cor. iv. 7.

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When you make Christ your one Hope,
then you'll be Happy.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Jan. 18, 1778.

When the spiritual Life is begun, it is a
Life like it's Author, it never ends.

The same.

Every thing to make you like Christ is to
be had from him.

The same.

The outward World is a copy of the in-
ward World, and what is done in Nature is
an illustration of what is done in Grace.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M. *Feb. 1, 1778.*

“ My Life and all I have from Adam,
“ is subject to Death; I want a Life that
“ Death cannot touch”—there it is in
Christ.

The same.

Christ Jesus turns all things into Blessings;
he turns temporal Blessings into spiritual
Blessings, and temporal Miseries into spiri-
tual Blessings too.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 3, 1778.

O† he is the Lord of Life in the hour of
Death.

The same.

He'll

* And not 'till then.

† Christ Jesus.

*He'll turn Death itself into Life, and turn that Hell which you and I have so justly deserved, into Glory inconceivable.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 3, 1778.

You cannot make too much use of Christ †

The same.

Look at Temporals with a spiritual Eye.

The same.

After the Saints have enjoy'd the Mansions of blifs for millions of Years, it will be but one drop out of the immense Ocean of the love of God.‡

The same.

The Word of God is not preach'd to be heard, but preach'd to be believ'd.

The same.

Doubts and Fears come from nothing, but suspecting the truth of the Promise of the Father.§

The same.

Grace

* Christ Jesus.

† But may and do make too little use of him.

‡ O what very contracted Ideas have we then of the love of God in Christ!—the Lord enlarge them.

§ And what more sinful than to suspect the truth of his Promise, who is veracity itself?—this is that Sin of Unbelief which we are so apt to commit, which is spoke so much against in these Remarks, and which may the Grace of God subdue, and keep subdued.

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Grace is Almighty.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.
Feb. 8, 1778.

Men by Nature are doing the drudgery of Sin, and doing it with all their Hearts too.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.
Feb. 8, 1778.

Evil Thoughts are Vermin that spring forth from the Dunghill of Nature's corruption.

The same.

"When God smiles all smiles," as one expresses it.

The same.

To be a Servant of God is the greatest honour that can be, and to be in the Service of Christ is the greatest freedom in the World.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.
Feb. 10, 1778.

"What have I to look at that my Life
"may be holy, my Heart happy, and my
"Conscience at peace?"—at the fulness of him in whom all fulness dwells.

The same.

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GOSPEL MINISTERS. 175

All we want to get Pardon for our Sins and Peace for our Consciences, is in the Obedience unto death of Christ Jesus.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 10, 1778.

God gave his Son—for what? * That the Believer “should not perish” for his Sins, but that he “should have everlasting Life” for Christ’s righteousness. The same.

Faith is only the Hand to take out of Christ’s fulness whatever we want. The same.

Faith in Christ’s righteousness is a Cordial indeed in a dying hour. The same.

The Legalist † works *for* Life, not *from* it, as the Believer does.

(Unknown,) C. S. C. Th. E.

Feb. 12, 1778.

The Believer does not work in his own strength, but in Christ’s. ‡ The same.

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* See John iii. 16.

† And as what he does is not of Faith, it is Sin, for “whatsoever is not of Faith is Sin,” *Rom. xiv. 23.* and therefore instead of *Life* his Wages is *Death*, for “the Wages of Sin is *Death*,” *Rom. vi. 23.*

‡ If he worked in his own strength he would do *nothing*, for “our strength is to sit still;” but working in Christ’s strength he can do *all things*; for, says St Paul, “I can do all things *through Christ which strengtheneth me*,” *Phil. iv. 13.*

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The Believer is not a working Servant,
but an obedient Son.

(Unknown,) C. S. C. Th. E.

Feb. 12, 1778.

There is no way to love the Law of God,
but by God's putting that love into the Heart,
as he has promis'd, * "I will write my Law
" in their Hearts." The same.

It will be found at last that none did so
much for God, as they who built their Sal-
vation on a Free-grace bottom. The same.

Give the Tree of Promise a shake with
the hands of Faith and Prayer, and blessed
Fruit will drop. The same.

† Faith realizes.

Mr MIDDLETON, B. F. C. Su. M.

Feb. 15, 1778.

We want the same that St Paul did, and
there is, blessed be God, the same abundant
fulness now, as then, to supply our Wants.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 17, 1778.

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* Jer. xxxi. 33.

† See Heb. xi. 1.

A poor Man who lives by Faith, both for the Bread that perisheth and that which endureth unto Eternal life, is a thousand times happier, even than the Man that is riding to Heaven in his Coach-and-six.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 17, 1778.

“ What I have I bless God for, and
 “ what I have not I thank God I don’t
 “ want.”*—God wou’d rather make the
 Stones Bread, than such-a-one shou’d perish.
 The same.

You may think that I know a great deal of Christ; I hope I do know a little, but really I see myself but a little Child; I am but learning my A B C, and there is so much in the Gospel, that I find I have but just begun my Lesson.
 The same.

The Man who will go farthest and go through most to hear of Christ, that Man has Grace and Peace multiplied—We are quite dainty here in London, but they in the Country will go ten, twelve, twenty Miles

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* This is the very Language of Faith.

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to hear the Gospel ; nay, there was a Man who couldn't set out to go to hear a Gospel Sermon, 'till after he had done work Saturday night; and he then set out and travell'd all Night, and then had to travel all that way back again, and he told me afterwards that he had a blessed Opportunity indeed.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Feb. 17, 1778.

The Love of God to his People is from everlasting to everlasting, taking in all the Blessings of Time and Eternity.

The same.

There is nothing God has promis'd in the Bible, but it is all yours in Christ.*

The same.

Seek the growth of Faith, and seek it in God's way; pray over the Scriptures, hear them, read them, meditate on them.

The same.

There are Troubles and Joys which are peculiar to the People of God.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E. *Feb. 19, 1778.*

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* "For all the Promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen." 2 Cor. i. 20.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 179

We shou'd come to God, as a God who
hath receiv'd an Atonement for * Sin in
Christ Jesus.

MR CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Feb. 19, 1778.

Did you ever go to God, as a God perfectly at peace with you, believing that there is not a thought in his heart but it is Love towards you? When the Believer goes to him otherwise, he greatly dishonours him, because it implies, that God was not satisfied with what Christ has done and suffered, on the behalf of his People. The same.

One species of spiritual Sloth, is to go away unconcern'd about the success of our Prayers, as if we did not care whether God heard them or not. The same.

Christ Jesus came through the storm of God's wrath to save the Believer, and he wou'd go through another but he shou'd be sav'd. The same.

The Believer goes to Christ as the great Fountain of all his Happiness, as the great Source of all his Comfort. The same.

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• And for our Sin,

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The Children of Israel were a striking Picture of Human-Nature ; they had daily Miracles, and yet were not converted.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Feb. 22, 1778.

There is no Sin like Unbelief, all the Poison of all the Sins in the World are in it.

The same.

* A sting from the natural Serpent, that kill'd the Body ; a sting from the spiritual Serpent, that kills the Soul ; looking to the brazen Serpent, that cured the Body ; looking to Jesus, that cures the Soul.

The same.

If the Devil has deceiv'd you, he has deceiv'd you into Sin, and "the wages of Sin " is Death ;" Death temporal, Death spiritual, and Death eternal.

The same.

Man, by Nature, is a mass of Sin and Corruption.

The same.

The very hidings of God's Countenance are for his People's good.

The same.

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* See Numb. xxi. 6, &c.

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 181

The Branches are as incapable of living without the Vine ten Years after they have grown on it, as at the first; so it is with the Believer, who is a Branch in the Vine Christ, See *John xv.*

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.
Feb. 22, 1778.

The Motto to God's Door is, "Knock,
"and it shall be opened:" keep your Eye
there, and knock on. The same.

God often takes very severe methods to
save his People from those cursed Sins,
Pride and Independance. The same.

We have communion with the Father
through the Son, through whom we come
nearer to God than the Angels possibly can.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.
Feb. 24, 1778.

The Man that is the highest in the divine
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The same.

He left* this Book in the Hands of the
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of Salvation. The same.

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Take Jesus, and all the Blessings of Life and Glory are yours for ever.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 1, 1778.

“ Every one;” and the Gospel doesn’t run in that general strain for nothing; the Father means what he says. The same.

“ Trusting to the blood of Jesus,” says the Believer, “ I am satisfied I shall never perish; trusting to the righteousness of Jesus, I am satisfied I shall have everlasting Life.” The same.

Christ Jesus governs the Believer’s Trade and Concerns a thousand times better than all the wit, and prudence, and wisdom of Man. The same.

God gives, all he gives, out of sovereign Love. The same.

The Patient, trusting to the Judgment of the Physician, drinks the nauseous Draught; so the Believer, trusting to the infinite wisdom of his God, is, by Grace, enabled to cry,
“ Thy

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 183

“Thy will be done,” under all adverse Providences.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 1, 1778.

Your Child is not concern'd how he shall get the next Suit of Cloaths, he leaves that to his Parent: in this sense Believers shou'd become as little Children. The same.

Built on Christ, you shall stand against every Storm. The same.

Religion was designed to make us happy; happy in every Situation, happy under every Consideration, happy in our Gains, happy in the loss of them, happy in thinking of Heaven, even happy in thinking of Hell.

The same.

Every Gift thy People have, every Grace they receive, and the Blessings on their Labours is all from thy Bounty.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 3, 1778.

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He is a wise Pastor that brings out of his Treasures things new and old; things out of the Old Testament and things out of the New Testament, and Christ out of both.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 3, 1778.

There's something substantial in the Gospel; as substantial as the Meat you eat for the Body. The same.

The Believer lives on Christ for his Friends, for his Substance, for his Happiness, for his ALL; so that Christ is to him what every thing else is. The same.

Those who have most familiarity with God, will pray most for* us. The same.

Are you cold in Religion? consider God loves you, and that will warm your heart: Does the World frown on you? remember God is reconcil'd to you, and that will fully compensate.

(Unknown,) C. S. C. Th. E.

Mar. 5, 1778.

The

* Ministers.

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The reason why Christians are so dead and dull in their Closet-duties, is, because they don't firmly believe that God loves them.

(Unknown,) C. S. C. Th. M.

Mar. 5, 1778.

"I'll keep my Sin, and I'll be bound over
"to Death, and be bound over to Hell."
One wou'd think no Man in his Senses
wou'd talk so, But yet that's the * Language
of Sinners.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 8, 1778.

Christ condemns none, and will not condemn any at the last day; it's the Law that condemns Sinners, and Christ will only pronounce the Sentence of condemnation.

The same.

† The Wicked will come condemn'd already at the Day of Judgment.

The same.

Take

* Tho' they do not say so verbally, yet they do practically, and Actions speak louder than Words.

† See *John* iii. 18. Every Sinner is in a State of Condemnation, from which state Christ Jesus saves his People.

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Take care, Sinners; you'll as surely stand before the Judgment-seat of Christ as you now stand in my Presence, and the words you hear To-day, by the same you shall be tried, sentenc'd, and condemn'd for ever.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 8, 1778.

The Spirit of God whispers to the Believer,
“ Seek these things and pursue them; these
“ things are poison, avoid *them*; wou'd you
“ have more of the Spiritual Life, do so
“ and so; would you have less, do so and
“ so;” and if you walk contrary to God,
God will walk contrary to you.

The same.

The reason why there is so little love to Christ, is, because there's so little Faith—
O may God grant us more of that Faith which worketh by Love

The same.

It is not the will of God to give us more Troubles, than will bring us to 'live by Faith simply on him; he loves us too well to give us a Moment of uneasiness.

The same.

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GOSPEL MINISTERS. 187

It is not Hearing, but a dependance on
Jesus in Hearing, that brings the Blessing.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 8, 1778.

Faith lays hold on the strength of God,
to enable us to do what he commands.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 8, 1778.

If you have Faith, you'll want more and
more the power of God to strengthen it.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 10, 1778.

There are no idle Men in the Lord's
Vineyard.

The same.

Put Faith to all manner of use, and see
what a blessed revenue it will bring in to
you.

The same.

Christ is a Store-house of all Graces and
Blessings.

The same.

Come to Christ and lay hold on him, and
you needn't fear his knocking your Hands
off.

The same.

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If you have Faith, God will put it into some hot Fire, that you and those about you, may see that it is sterling Faith.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 10, 1778.

You can't possibly be drown'd when Christ is your Pilot. The same.

A Christian is the last Man in the World to be Idle; nay, the more he grows in the Christian Life, the more he has to do.

The same.

A Christian shou'd be diligent to get his Graces brighter and brighter, 'till they shine like Stars in the Church militant.

The same.

The reason why God's People reap so little Joy from a Promise, is, because they expect the fulfilment of it for their own faithfulness, or something in themselves, and not for the alone sake of Christ's righteousness.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Mar. 12, 1778.

When

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 189

When you come into the House of God
detesting, loathing, and abominating your-
self, O how sweet is Christ then!

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Mar. 12, 1778.

Be very cautious, that Humility keep
pace with your other Graces.

(Unknown,) B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 17, 1778.

The great Sin of the World is, that
when the light of the Gospel shines, Men
shut their Eyes against it; and when it
shines so clear that they cannot but see it,
then they shut their Hearts against it.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 22, 1778.

The World cry out, "What's all this
"Preaching for"—'Tis God's way to
quicken the * Dead, 'tis God's way to open
blind Eyes, 'tis God's way to manifest Sal-
vation to his People.

The same.

We

* i. e. Those who are spiritually dead, who are "dead in
"Trespases and Sins." See *Eph. ii. 1.*

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We are by Nature in such a State, that we will neither ask Christ's help, nor take his help.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 22, 1778.

The reason why Christians walk in Darkness, and stumble and fall, is, because they don't abide by what God, by his Spirit, speaks in his Word. The same.

May the People of God set the Pattern to the People of the World.

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Mar. 22, 1778.*

There's not a Duty in the Bible, but 'tis a Privilege. The same.

The reason why our Faith is at so low an ebb, is, because we don't use it in every thing we do.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 24, 1778.

Faith is the ruling Grace, which we shou'd bring into every thing, and use on every occasion. The same.

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GOSPEL MINISTERS. 191

By a constant disuse of Faith we set spiritual things at a distance, so that we rather look at them, than enjoy 'em.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 24, 1778.

If you want to know what God has done *before* Time, you shou'd look at what he has done *in* Time, and make your Election sure by your Calling.

The same.

The reason why our Graces are not so bright, is because we are not constantly using 'em; that's the reason they grow so rusty.

The same.

A Believer has something to do every Moment, and whenever he is idle he is unfruitful.

The same.

A Believer shou'd be making use of his Graces every Moment, and shou'd use one to brighten another.

The same.

True Faith shou'd be growing Faith, and and growing Faith shou'd never stop.

The same.

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“ O that all the World did but love my
“ Jesus !” says the Believer.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 24, 1778.

Every fresh discovery you have of Christ
will whet your Love to him, and the more
sights you have of him, the more you'll see
of the vanity of the things of Time and
Sense, and the more you'll see that they are
not to be compar'd to the love of God in
Christ Jesus. The same.

Whatever will cherish Faith, that's to
the glory of God and the good of your Souls.
The same.

Christ, as God, cou'd not save us; Christ,
as Man, cou'd not save us; but Christ, as
God-Man, can save us.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Mar. 26, 1778.

Christ enlightens, enlivens, strengthens,
sanctifies, and that's the way he brings his
People to Heaven.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 29, 1778.

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GOSPEL MINISTERS. 193

The real Believer brings all to the Word.

Mr ROMANE, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 29, 1778.

Come to the Word, and that will bear the
same Evidence to you always—God and his
Word are always the same. The same.

The more Spiritual a Man grows, the
more he'll make Christ his one Hope.

The same.

All the Believer's Troubles and Trials,
preach to him and say, "None can do you
" good but Christ;" Temptations say,
" You have Temptations, go to Christ to
" get 'em conquer'd;" Troubles say, You
" have Troubles, go to Christ and he'll
" turn 'em into Blessings." The same.

The Believer says, "I have but one Hope,
" and that is, to have more Fellowship with
" Christ Jesus by his Spirit, and that I
" may know more that his Father is my
" Father." The same.

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'Tis the Believer's Language, "What
" shall I render to the Lord for his great
" goodness, in affording me so many Op-
" portunities of attending on his Means of
" Grace, that I may get less hold of this
" present World, and get faster hold of
" Heaven and Heavenly things."

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Mar. 29, 1778.

Gratitude to a Covenant-God, makes
even a temporal Blessing taste of Heaven.

The same.

Sin's a curfed Evil truly.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Mar. 29, 1778.

Christ Jesus is not like a Winter-Sun
that brings us only Light, but he is like
the Spring-Sun, he enlivens as well as en-
lightens.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 31, 1778.

It's a poor Sermon that doesn't lead the
Sinner to Christ, and the Believer to live
more on him.

The same.

You'll

GOSPEL MINISTERS. 195

You'll find there's always something in the World to cool your Inclination, and therefore you want to be stir'd up continually, you want Line upon Line.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 31, 1778.

We shou'd come to the Word with as great an Appetite, as a healthful Man wou'd go to his Meals; and it is a very bad sign when People omit attending an Ordinance, when they can attend without any great Inconvenience; doing so, is just like a Man avoiding his Meals for some Trifle or other.

The same.

"I am," says the Believer, "a mystery of Iniquity—but Christ Jesus is a mystery of Godliness."

The same.

Our Saviour says, that the Holy Spirit "shall bring all things to your remembrance;" you may remember 'em as rational Creatures, but you can't remember 'em practically without the Spirit.

The same.

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The best of us find, that when our Hearts are at the highest pitch, when at the top of the Mount, they are even then but as warm Water soon cool again; and therefore we shou'd go to Jesus, not only to warm our Hearts, but to keep 'em warm.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Mar. 31, 1778.

It must be supernatural force, to keep your Hearts and mine within the Vail; it requires no power short of the power of God.

The same.

That Person among you who lives most on Christ, is most prepar'd to meet Death whenever it comes.

The same.

There is in Christ, that which will make you more Happy than your Heart can wish.

The same.

May we go from hence strengthen'd and comforted, so that we may spend all that we receive *from* God *for* God.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Apr. 2, 1778.

All

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All who preach conditions of Salvation on our part, pervert the Gospel, and turn it upside down.*

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Apr. 2, 1778.

When the Jews us'd to go to War, it was with Joy and Gladness, with Singing and Dancing; so shou'd Believers go out against their Spiritual Enemies; "Let the high praises of God be in your Mouth," when "the two-edged Sword is in your Hand."†

The same.

Christ has proclaim'd a War, and Stocks are very low, very low indeed, so low, that they cost nothing; pray buy in, for they'll soon be shut.

The same.

God by various means shows his People, that the World isn't worth a single Sigh, nor worth a single Care.

The same.

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* Those who preach "conditions of Salvation on our part," preach *bad News* instead of *good News*, which the Word GOSPEL signifies.

† For depending on the help of the great "Captain of our Salvation," we are sure of Victory; nay, "we shall come off more than Conquerors through him who hath loved us,"

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God makes the Graces of his People fresh and green, by continu'd dews from Heaven, and they thereby bring forth much Fruit.*

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Apr. 2, 1778.

The Sun of Righteousness shines on the Believer, and he then gets deeper root downwards in Self-abasement, darts his Boughs upwards in Heavenly-mindedness, and spreads 'em from him in love to Mankind.

The same.

I have read of a Monarch, who was so proud as to stile himself *Jupiter*, and thus began a Letter, which he wrote to *Philip* King of *Macedon*: "*Menelaus Jupiter*" "to *Philip*, wisheth health and peace." *Philip*, in his Answer, wrote thus: "*Philip*" "to *Menelaus* wisheth health and reason;" thus the Self-righteous, in effect, say to God, "I am equal to yourself"—to such we must

"us;" and it is owing to our not going against our Enemies assured of Victory, through Christ Jesus, that we are so frequently overcome.

* For the Graces wither without the dews of Grace.

must with health and reason, for they are mad indeed.

Mr CROLE, C. S. C. Th. E.

Apr. 2, 1778.

The Merits of Christ swallow up the Believer's Sins.*

The same.

We have got a Christ, who can make us what God will be pleas'd with.†

The same.

“ I am the Lord your God”—as soon as you know that you'll love the ten Commandments—not before.‡

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. § Fr. M.

Apr. 3, 1778.

The Legalist's Obedience is that he may be sav'd, but the Believer's is because he is sav'd.||

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. ** Fr. M.

Apr. 10, 1778.

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* So that the Believer is sinless before God.

† We cannot make Ourselves such, God is displeased with every one who pretends to do so.

‡ And the more sensible we are of it, the more we shall love and obey the Commandments of “ the Lord our God.”

§ Catechising the Charity-Children.

|| How widely different then is the Character of a Person under the Covenant of Works, and a Person under the Covenant of Grace.

** Catechising the Charity-Children.

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A Believer shou'd be always going upwards, either in * Prayer or in † Praise.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Fr. M.

Apr. 10, 1778.

If you wou'd see Sin in its Consequences, look to the † Sufferings of Christ; if you wou'd see it as it is, look there, there Sin looks detestable. §

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 12, 1778.

It doesn't at all prove, that Faith is not genuine because it is assaulted; nay, in general, it is most assaulted where it is most genuine. The same.

It's impossible experimentally to know a Covenant-God, but we must love him; and it's impossible to love him, but we must obey him.

Mr HILL, Tab. Su. E. *Apr. 12, 1778.*

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* Because he is continually wanting something from above.

† Because he is continually receiving something from above.

‡ For they were the immediate consequences of Sin.

§ And the more enlarged ideas we have of the Sufferings of a crucified Saviour, the more detestable Sin will appear.

I don't know how you may find it with you in Prosperity, but I then find my earthly Heart, like the Dunghill in warm Weather—If you was to skim your Eye along the surface of a Dunghill, now the Sun has shone for sometime on it, you wou'd see swarms of very small poisonous Insects exhal'd therefrom, by the heat of the Sun: so it is when the Sun of Prosperity shines on me, it draws forth the Corruptions of my Heart—we can never do without the frosty nips of Adversity.

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. Apr. 12, 1778.

When *John Bradford* us'd to see a notorious Sinner pass, he wou'd say, "There goes *John Bradford*, but for the grace of Christ."

The same.

Temptations can never hurt us, whilst they drive us to Christ.*

The same.

O there's nothing like trying the tried strength of Jesus, in a trying Season.†

The same.

Men

* Whatever answers that blessed purpose, is a means of doing us good.

† Thousands who have tried it can make this Declaration.

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Men of Business, who are continually poring over your Accounts: have you ever thought how your Accounts stand between God and your Souls?

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *Apr.* 12, 1778.

There is no Time in which the Child of God has not got something to * do for God; for there is always something to do, and that something shou'd be done to the glory of God: † “Thy Commandment is exceeding “broad,” says David, so broad, that “Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, “we are to do all to the glory of God.”

The same.

I fear me much, there are many Professors who are ‡ dreaming of Salvation without Renovation.

The same.

The Language of the Scripture is the touchstone of § Conversion, and not the mode

* And how sweet the Employment when working for God!

† Psalm cxix. 96.

‡ The Salvation of such Professors is visionary indeed—by-and-by they will awake—and lo, it was a Dream!

§ And the Language of Scripture concerning Conversion, is, “Ye must be born again,” *John* iii, 7.

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mode of the Day—the Lord enable us to come to the Law and to the Testimony, to try our Souls' Affairs.*

Mr HILL, Tab.Su.E. *Apr.* 12, 1778.

If thou art not for Godliness, thou art not for God.†

The same.

—“ But,” say you, “ God is merciful
“ —and I hope to be sav'd”—beware of the Hope of the Hypocrite, lest it perish, and you with it ‡

The same.

The principal thing Believers have to do, is to enjoy Christ.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 14, 1778.

You and I are not merely to look at Christ and admire him, but to take him and enjoy him.

The same.

I wou'dn't speak a word against Comforts; they are very well when they are founded on
God's

* And then we cannot be deceived.

† For all God's People are godly People.

‡ The Mercy of God out of Christ, is a sandy Foundation to build our Hopes upon.

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God's Word, and when they are not, they are nothing but Enthusiasm.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 14, 1778.

O Sirs! whatever you do, take care that you don't rest on any thing but God's Word, and that will bring in true Comforts, solid Comforts, holy Comforts, lasting Comforts, everlasting Comforts. The same.

The Word of God is the Nurse of Faith.†
The same.

The more you know of Christ, the more you'll love him, and the more you'll loath Yourself. The same.

Complain of your weakness, but ‡ don't let your weakness make you forbear leaning on Jesus; if you do, you'll fall. The same.

Trust Christ much, and you'll have much to praise him for. The same.
Sin

* If there are enthusiastic Comforts, how watchful ought we to be against them?

† It feeds it, it nourishes it, and it grows thereby.

‡ No, rather let it induce us to lean on him more.

Sin is a Barabbas, it is a Robber, it robs God of his glory, and robs Souls of Salvation.

Mr WEST, C.S.Th.E. *Apr. 16, 1778.*

—Yes, if a Child of God gives way to Sin, Sin's a Barabbas, he'll find it so; Unbelief, Pride, Worldly-mindedness, Luke-warmness, are each a Barabbas, are all Robbers; they rob the Believer of his Light, of his Comfort, of his Peace, and make him hang down his Head like a Bulrush.

The same.

In yielding to any Sin, the Children of God prefer Barabbas to Christ—and they smart for it too, and I pray God they may; I wou'd put up this Prayer for myself as well as for you, To-night: That we may be as miserable as we can be, as miserable as Sinners can be out of Hell, 'till we are brought to choose Christ again.

The same.

You wou'd take care to secure your House against Robbers, and your Person against Murderers—God make you watchful against
that

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that Barabbas, that Robber and Murderer,
SIN.

Mr WEST, C.S.Th.E. *Apr.* 16, 1778.

How many pick-lock Keys, has Sin got to
open * our Hearts with! The same.

Sinners in their Practice, cry out, "Not
" this Man, but Barabbas ;" not Christ, but
Sin ; not Christ the Saviour, but Sin the
Robber and Murderer ; but the Believer's
Language is quite the reverse. The same.

Christ was a Surety, that whatever Man
lost he wou'd recover. †

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. † Fr. M.

Apr. 17, 1778.

Christ has done the Work of Salvation
freely, fully, and eternally. § The same.
There

* i. e. The Hearts of Believers, for the Heart by Nature
is never shut against Sin.

† So that the Believer possesses a very Paradise restored in
Christ Jesus.

‡ On Friday.

§ Therefore, remains to be done in that impor-
tant W

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There is not one thing fearful and dreadful, but it is hanging over your Head, if you have not come to Christ.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Fr. M.

Apr. 17, 1778.

Christ has the same Love in his Heart now, as he had when he was nail'd to the Cross; he has not chang'd his Heart; tho' he has chang'd his State, and chang'd his Place, yet his Heart is still the same.†

The same.

The greatest Service you can do Christ this side the Grave, is to trust more to his Love, and go daily to him that you may trust him more still, and commit every Concern of yours into his loving Hands and tender Care.

The same.

There's no one will ever overcome a Sin, but by this method; to see that the Lamb of God has taken away the guilt of the Sin, and then to look at his Almighty arm, to subdue and crucify it.

The same.

The

* O the awful State of Sinners out of Christ.

† He is indeed "A living, loving Saviour."

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The Believer is studying every Day, to be more dead to what his dear Saviour hates, and more alive to what his dear Saviour loves.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Fr. M.

Apr. 17, 1778.

No, no, a Socinian Christ won't do for a convinc'd Sinner.* The same.

It is by Faith that all the Blessings of Christ's Suretyship come—the Lord increase that blessed Grace in our Hearts—and remember the Lord encreases it by means, by hearing, reading, meditating on, and praying over his Word. The same.

Sin took away our Righteousness, and made us Sinners; Sin took away Life, and brought in Death; Sin took away the blessing of God, and brought upon us the curse of God.†

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 19, 1778.

Sin

* Because a convinced Sinner wants a Saviour, and a Socinian Christ is no Saviour at all.

† Sin takes away our Happiness, and makes us unhappy here; it takes away our Happiness hereafter, and makes us miserable for ever.

Sin brought in every Misery, both in Earth and Hell.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 19, 1778.

Christ, as our Surety, put away Sin from before God, as if it had never been.*

The same.

The Debt was demanded—Christ paid it;
Satisfaction was demanded—Christ made it.

The same.

Righteousness, Holiness, Perseverance, Victory over Sin, Death, and Hell, and life Eternal; all these are the Blessings freely held forth to poor Sinners in Christ. The same.

Christ delivers from Sin, Death, and Hell, and intitles to Righteousness, Life, and Glory.†

The same.

Take Christ, and make him your Paradise on Earth.‡

The same.

If

* Like a Debt that is paid, which is, as if it had never been contracted.

† O what Evils are Believers delivered from, what Blessings are they intitled to, in Christ!

‡ There is no Paradise on Earth, but the enjoyment of him.

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If your Sins and Miseries preach aright,
they'll always lead you upwards.

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 19, 1778.

“ I want not only the truth of Grace,
“ but the growth of Grace, and I come daily
“ to the fulness of Christ for it :” if that’s
your Language, it is one of the best Marks
of your being born again that you can give.

The same.

As we are swimming against the Stream,
* those who are swimming with it will push
at us, and endeavour to stop us, and, God
forgive us, they too often do stop us.

The same.

Spiritual Life, spiritual Comfort, spiri-
tual Victory, are the effect of the Faith that
rests on the Word of God, that trusts God’s
testimony respecting his Son; plac’d any
where else, it is a Bubble breaking every
Moment, and nothing but Enthusiasm and
Madness comes from the Delusion.

The same.

If

* i. e. The World in general, who are swimming down the
Stream of Corruption.

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If you are risen, put off your Grave-cloaths.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Su. M.

Apr. 19, 1778.

What Diseases are to the Body, Errors are to the Mind.

Mr FOSTER, B. F. C. Su. A.

Apr. 19, 1778.

When Christ Jesus is known by the Sinner, he gains his Heart.† The same.

We shou'd have no connection with Unbelievers, any further than need requires; there are many Arguments that might be brought to prove this. The same.

When we are most disinclin'd to Pray, we have most need of Prayer.

Mr ROSE, B. F. C. † Mo. M:

Apr. 20, 1778.

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Sin

* q. d. "If you are risen with Christ, put off your Grave-cloaths of Sin," in which we by Nature lay buried.

† For "he is altogether lovely," Cant. v. 16.

‡ Easter-Monday.

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Sin stops the growth of our Graces; Faith is thereby weaken'd, and Love is thereby cool'd.*

Mr ROSE, B. F. C. Mo. M.

Apr. 20, 1778.

Declension hurts not only Ourselves, but those about us, it discourages God's People; and hurts the Cause of God in the Eye of the World, who set us up as a Mark, as a pattern of Piety and Godliness; they observe our every Action, and when we Backslide, it gives occasion to the Enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. †

The same.

Sin is the Opium of the Soul. ‡

The same.

It is not the Profession of the Gospel, my Friends; but the possession of the Life of God, that makes us Christians. The same.

We

* And as Sin is kept subdued, the Graces grow; Faith is strengthened, and Love is inflamed.

† How circumspect then ought we to be in our Walk, since one unguarded step may prove so dangerous in its Consequences!

‡ It is rank Poison in a spiritual sense, and the only Antidote against its baneful effects, is, "The Balm of Gilead."

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We may have the Language of God in our Mouths, but if we have not the Faith of God in our Hearts, we are only like painted Sepulchres, which appear beautiful outwardly, but are inwardly full of rottenness and dead Men's Bones.*

Mr ROSE, B. F. C. Mo. M.

Apr. 20, 1778.

There is no limiting the Grace, no circumscribing the Blessings of a Covenant-God.†

The same.

The real Believer is a Lily of the ‡ Valley.

The same.

I'll answer for it, the longer you read the Bible the more you'll like it, it will grow sweeter and sweeter; and the more you get into the Spirit of it, the more you'll get into the Spirit of Christ.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 21, 1778.

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* How short of real, is mere verbal Religion!

† For his Grace and his Blessings are infinite like Himself.

‡ Of the Valley of Humility.

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I have read the Bible forty Years, and am but an A B C Scholar yet; it is as fresh as ever.*

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 21, 1778.

The more you read the Bible, study it, and pray over it, the more you'll † “ take heed to it, as unto a Light that shineth in “ a dark place.” The same.

If a Man takes the Bible and shuts **Christ** out of it, it's a § dark Book, it is Egyptian darkness indeed. The same.

The Man that is mourning most on account of his Ignorance, knows most. ||

The same.

“ Ah,” says the the Believer, “ my Mind was dark and I was walking on, “ and

* What a blessed Testimony of the divine fulness, of the Word of God!

† 2 Pet. i. 19.

§ Because Christ is pointed at in every part of it

|| And the Man that is puffed up most on account of his Knowledge, knows least in a spiritual sense.

“ and shou’d have walk’d into Hell, if * this
“ Light had not shone on it.”†

Mr ROMAINÉ, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 21, 1778.

O it’s a great § Lesson to be made teachable, and to be kept teachable! The same.

Remember this, there’s Darknefs in part on your Minds, ’till you get into Heaven. ||
The same.

There is but one Testimony throughout the Bible. The same.

Whenever we take the Bible up, or hear it read, we shou’d be as little Children. **
The same.

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* The Bible.

† The Word of God, attended with the Blessing of God, is a Light to the Mind, and guides the Feet into the Paths of Peace.

§ It is a Lesson taught by the Spirit of God, and learnt by the People of God.

|| Therefore, we should be ever diligent in the use of Means to get it more dispelled.

** Humble and Teachable.

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There is not a Word in the Bible but is truly divine, and therefore demands the greatest attention, and the greatest respect from you and me.

Mr ROMAINE, B. F. C. Tu. M.

Apr. 21, 1778.

The Word of God in the Hand of the Spirit, is the means of *enlightening and †enlivening Sinners. The same.

There's nothing but Darknefs and Deadnefs without Christ. ‡ The same.

The Devil has a thousand Baubles and Toysto keep Sinners from Christ, and that's his one end and aim The same.

The Heart of Man is the filthiest Place, excepting Hell, that can be. § The same.

The Lord the Spirit, communicates the Graces by the Word. ** The same.

The

* i. e. Of enlightening their Minds—which are Dark by Nature.

† i. e. Of enlivening their Souls—which are Dead by Nature.

‡ With him nothing but Light and Life.

§ This is literally true, and every Believer knows it to be so.

** And strengthens them by it.

The following Remarks were taken
from ANONYMOUS MINISTERS, at
various Opportunities.

WE shou'dn't be contented with having
Grace and Peace, but we shou'd be
always praying for them to be multiplied.

Sinner, that *Hand-writing stands out
against thee, only not explain'd to thee;
thou "art weighed in the Balances, and art
"found wanting"—may God the Spirit ex-
plain it to thee!

A Christian's Prayer in Trouble, shou'd
be, "Lord, I beseech thee, deliver me safe
"out of this Trouble, or keep me safe in
"it."

Don't try to shake off the Cross.†

Praying

* Dan. v. 27.

† i. e. Do not make use of unwarrantable means to get
rid of it.

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Praying breath shall not be spent in vain.*

Lord, why me, such a crooked Stick as me, brought out of the Forest of Nature and planted in the Garden of thy Grace!†

Do you rejoice to hear Christ exalted, and the Creature debas'd?

When, O my God, shall I see my Jesus, and drink endless Heaven from his smiles?

God has ordain'd "The Fruit unto Holiness," as well as "The end everlasting Life."

God help you to observe the Gospel medium; may you enter between the Posts of Antinomianism and Arminianism, between licentious Living and Pharisaic Pride.

I recommend you to the Spirit of God; may he show you what you are, and what Christ is.

You

* Should not this consideration encourage us to be frequent in the too-much-neglected Duty of Prayer?

† An Exclamation, which every Believer, can with propriety make.

* You will † then know, that it is awful dealing with OMNIPOTENCE.

However disagreeable Afflictions may be, yet they are very instructive, and very useful.

The Mountain is more dangerous than the Valley; the white Devil is more to be dreaded, than the blackest Devil in Hell — there is nothing I dread more, than, after I go down from the Pulpit, the Devil's telling me, "What a good Sermon you have made."

I am, by the Gospel, brought out of a State of Nature into a State of Grace, and being in a State of Grace, I hope, e're long, to be in a State of Glory.

Where the Love of Christ is wanting, it creates a Hell in the Heart. §

Christ is, || "Like a Refiner's Fire, and "like Fuller's Sope;" for he take spots out of the Heart.

If

* The Ungodly.

† In Hell.

§ And when it is possessed, it creates a Heaven there.

|| Mal. iii. 2.

If the Sons of Men delight in Christ,
God will delight in the Sons of Men.

“ Ill Weeds grow apace”—and so does
Sin.*

Backsliding makes a Man a Coward.

Satan will *distress*, where he cannot *de-
stroy*.

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS, IMPARTED
HOLINESS, is the Christian's Motto.

God never sends any Minister to a Place,
but it is either to call, or to comfort his
People.

Ungodly Husbands, ungodly Wives, un-
godly Children, ungodly Parents, or un-
godly Masters, have always been, and will
always be, trials to godly People.

If you cou'd live more out of Self, live
more on Christ's fulness, and trust more to
his faithfulness; you wou'd experience more
of this Text; † “ Rejoice in the Lord al-
“ way: and again I say, Rejoice.”

Heavy

* Its progress is quick and imperceptible—how watchful
ought we to be against the deadly Evil!

† Phil. iv. 4.

Heavy Crosses sometimes prepare us for very weighty Blessings.

That Peace which we have, without a sense of remission of Sins by the Blood of Christ, is a false Peace.*

I don't know a better sign in the Soul, than a Man's longing after a conformity to Christ Jesus.

The poor Sinner, when first convinc'd, is too apt to look to the Law instead of the Law-fulfiller.

—"Why," say you, "none desire Hell"—that's very true; but they desire Sin, and, pray, what's the effect of Sin? †

There is no real Salvation, but is attended with some degree of Love to Christ Jesus.

Yes, poor Believer, thy God will sometimes act so mysteriously, that thou wilt wonder what he is about; but let him alone, in the end thou wilt bless him for all.

Hezekiah

* Because every Man whose Sins are not remitted is a Wicked Man, and "There is no Peace, saith the Lord, unto the Wicked," *Isa. xlviii 22.*

† Death eternal, (i. e. Hell) See *Rom. vi, 23.*

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Hezekiah went and laid the Letter before the Lord, and *Moses* applied to him upon every occasion: Believers shou'd act in the like manner, for he is the same to his People to the end of Time.

How sweet will Heaven be, to the Soul train'd up for it by Grace.

Wheels, encircling Wheels; bring about the great * Decrees of God.

If you have Christ, Heaven is yours, for † Christ is Heaven.

The Blood of Christ has the efficacious Virtue in it, to take Guilt out of the Conscience, and place the Peace of God instead.

No Man can change his own Heart—'tis the Work of the Spirit of God.

Some People begin matters at the wrong end; they say, "If we love God, God will
" love

* Which are all for the glory of his Name, and the good of his Church.

† i. e. The Presence of Christ constitutes Heaven—and so it does.

“ love us:” I can’t think where they find this, their Bibles must be contrary to mine, for mine says, * “ We love God, because “ he first loved us.”

Believer, thou hast an eternal God, and in him an eternal Good.

One of the best proofs of real Grace in the Soul, is an increase of Love to God, and an intense desire after conformity to him.

When Christ is properly view’d and be-
lov’d, I defy any Idol to reign in the Heart.

The Love of the carnal Heart always had,
and always will have, a wrong Object.

The Pleasures of Sin are a delusion, and
if the Pleasures of Religion are a delusion,
I’m sure it’s the sweetest of the two.

If God was to give you or me the posses-
sion of the whole World, and withhold him-
self, we shou’d be miserable.†

Look

* 1 John iv. 19.

† And if he was to give us Himself in his Son, and with-
hold whatever the World can afford, we should be Happy.

Look right on to Christ.*

A dependance on Christ, will be a means of Safety and Security, as the Psalmist says, † “Hold thou me up, and I shall be ‡ safe.”

There’s nothing less than the Arm of the ALMIGHTY, can reach the Sinner’s Heart.

What can Man do with his little Arm? tho’ he stretch it out as far as he can, God can wither it in a Moment, § as he did Jeroboam’s.

The poor convinc’d Sinner cries out, “Give me an Interest in the Redeemer’s Blood, or I’m lost for ever”—and the Words don’t come out of his Mouth as if if they were froze.

A Soul that doesn’t Pray, hasn’t the Life of God in it.

Not

* This by Implication enjoins, that we should not on one hand, look to Righteous-Self; nor on the other, to Sinful-Self—may we look as directed.

† Psalm cxix. 117.

‡ Safe from Evil—nay, safe from the fear of it, See *Prow* i. 33.

§ See 1 Kings xiii. 4.

Not taking any notice of Works done before Grace, if God was to enter into Judgment with us for the very best of our Works, done after Grace receiv'd; alas! alas! where shou'd we appear?

The Man that trusts the Lord, is blest with inward Joy, Peace, and Consolation in every Situation; he is so well acquainted with God's Covenant, that he knows "all things are working together for his good;" he knows that his Enemies cannot go a step further than God permits 'em; that they may dig the Pit and lay the Net; that they may, like *Haman*, prepare the Gallows, but he sees, 'tis all from God for his good; like *David*, he sees, that the Lord bids *Shimei* curse, and therefore says, "Let him curse on."

It is a certain sign of a Christian Spirit, that we do not in Distresses fly to an Arm of Flesh for relief; but to the Arm of God, and then we are sure to be reliev'd in God's time.*

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* And in God's way—and his Time is the best Time, and his Way is the best Way.

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It was the Language of a great Divine,
 “ You have nothing to do but to commit
 “ yourself into God’s Hands, it is God’s
 “ part to take care of you :” if you attempt
 to carve for yourself, you’ll certainly cut your
 Fingers; if the Nurse lets the Leading-string
 go, the Child falls and hurts itself; and if
 you take the Leading-string out of God’s
 Hand, you’ll fall and hurt yourself too.

The reason why Believers are so much
 distress’d, is, because they make so little use
 of their Bibles.*

The Love of Christ, is the effectual Cause
 of Sinners’ becoming Saints.

When the Sinner is wounded by the
 Law, the Wound wou’d prove mortal, un-
 less the salutary Blood of Jesus was applied.

People are generally very eager after their
 Portion—have you † God for *your* Por-
 tion?

Heaven’s

* For the Bible is nothing but a fund of Comfort and En-
 couragement to the Believing Soul.

† See Psalm cxix. 57. Lam. iii. 24.

Heaven's Songs are all about Grace, there will therefore be no Pharisee there.

How awful must it be at the Day of Judgment, for a godly Relation to join in the Sentence of Condemnation against an ungodly one; for a Parent to give his AMEN to the Damnation of a Child, or a Child to that of his Parent; a Husband to that of his Wife, or a Wife to that of her Husband; a Brother to that of a Sister, or a Sister to that of a Brother! &c.*

If you and I are in Christ Jesus, God loves you and I, as well as he does any Saint now around the Throne.

No Man can bring forth Fruit to the glory of God, 'till he is ingrafted into Christ Jesus the living Vine.

If we were as zealous to obtain Blessings as the Devil is to debar us from them, O how zealous shou'd we be!

Troubles are Blessings to God's People, but they often turn 'em into Poison.

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* And yet awful as this will be, it will undoubtedly be the case.

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We have great reason to watch against the Enemy in the*Camp.*

Every thing short of Hell is a Mercy.†

All Providences are for the good of God's People; general Providences are for the good of the Church of Christ in general, and particular Providences are for the particular good of individual Believers.

Christian Experience is always the same; and if Christians of old went to Heaven, those who tread in their Steps will go to Heaven also.

That Passage in *Isaiah* ix. 6. which we read, "The mighty God;" is render'd by the *Syriac* Version, "The Almighty God"—O that's a sweet Name when applied to Jesus Christ! Isn't it Believer? §

Believer,

* i. e. To watch against the Enemy within, viz. a corrupt and wicked Heart.

† How innumerable many, and how inconceivably great then, are the Mercies of a Covenant-God—every Believer, may say, with *David*, "I will sing of Mercy."

§ I am sure every Believer may answer this Question in the affirmative.

Believer, remember the Grace that made you what you are ; adore that Grace, and be concern'd to give the honour to it which it deserves.

“ O,” says the Believer, “ I’ll be a blank
“ in thy Hand, Lord ; I’ll be any thing, I’ll
“ be nothing, so that I may but glorify
“ thee.”

Jesus is a constant and faithful Guide,
and an affectionate and never-failing Friend.

If you judge of Providences by carnal
Reason, you’ll greatly embarrass Yourself.*

The Christian must never expect any thing
but odium, ’till Sin leaves the Heart, and
the Devil leaves the World.

Those who have partook of the Grace of
God, shall partake of the Glory of God. †

People

* Because carnal Reason cannot discover the propriety of
God’s dealings.

† And those who do not partake of the Grace of God
here, cannot partake of the Glory of God hereafter.

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People are apt to cry out, "Why so much about Religion?" — and pray, why so much about Sin?*

Who do you think you'll blame most at the Day of Judgment, those who told you plainly of your State, or those who let you Sleep on securely in Sin, and didn't care whether you went to Heaven or to Hell?

Men in general never think of flying to the City of Refuge, 'till the Avenger is at their heels—it's a dreadful thing to have to look for the Weapons, when the Enemy is at the Door.†

God has prepar'd a Kingdom for us, and he by Trials and Temptations, whets our Affections for it?

What a Miracle a real Christian is !‡

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* The latter Question may with much more propriety be asked, than the former.

† Procrastination is the Thief of Time ;
Year after Year it steals, 'till all are fled,
And to the Mercies of a Moment, leaves
The vast concerns of an Eternal Scene.

YOUNG'S *Night-Thoughts*.

‡ Yes, every real Christian can with propriety exclaim,
"I'm a Miracle of Grace."

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We have no more power to save our Souls,
than to make 'em.

Those who have received Christ, have
receiv'd him in all his Offices.

If God feeds the Ravens and cloaths the
Lilies, he will certainly do both for those
who come to him in Christ.*

Believers not only love the Promises, but
kiss the Precepts; they not only receive
Christ Jesus as a Priest to atone for 'em,
but also as a King to rule over 'em.

If you was to offer your Purse to your
Neighbour when he don't want it, he'll con-
sider it rather as an insult than a favour; so
if you hold forth Christ Jesus to a Sinner,
who don't see his want of him, he'll rather
abuse you than thank you.

The Author of our Salvation, is the de-
light of our Souls.

What

* One would think it required very little Faith to believe
this Truth, and yet, how seldom is it believed, received, and
lived upon as it ought to be?

What innumerable Sins is a Man sav'd from by Grace!

There's none can conquer Sin, but he who aton'd for it.

Prayerless Fathers and prayerless Mothers, generally make prayerless Children.

Christ came down from Heaven to Earth, to take us up from Earth to Heaven.

Corruption is continually working, and Grace is continually counter-working.

God has not only promis'd his People * Grace and Glory, but † Bread and Water too—"Bread and Water" say you, "Bread and Water's hard Fare"—I can tell you, that Bread and Water with the Grace of God is very delicious Fare.

We must be made meet for Heaven, before we are made partakers of it.

Take care how you get into the Devil's snare, for it's hard to get out of it.

I'm convinc'd more and more, that nothing but Christ is valuable.

* Psalm, lxxxiii, 11.

† Isaiah xxxiii, 16.

